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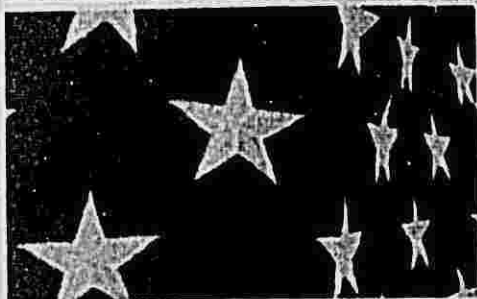
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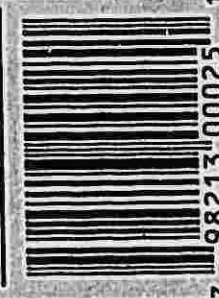
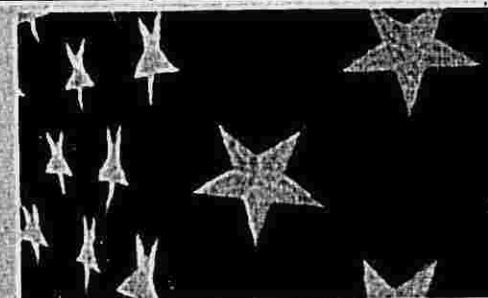
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## Want to be different? Vote on Tuesday

In a fit of populist fervor many years ago, state lawmakers established the direct primary election.

That is, instead of allowing partisans - Democrats and Republicans - to select candidates for their fall ballots, legislators put that task into the hands of the public.

And the public responded - with a yawn.

Understandably.

Voters, who tend to be politically independent, are forced - publicly - to declare as Republican or Democrat to get a ballot

to vote in the primary.

And then they're handed a ballot full of uncontested races.

Don't want to vote in the primary? Who can blame you?

But Tuesday is more than a political primary election. In many communities, voters have a referendum on the ballot.

Like those drug commercials on TV, referendums carry certain side effects. Not dizziness and nausea. More like higher taxes or underfunded schools.

Unlike those drug commercials, there's no one you can ask whether it's

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But if you check your Journal today, you'll find information about any referendum on your ballot.

And because the vote Tuesday determines whether those referendums succeed or fail, you ought to check the information in today's paper.

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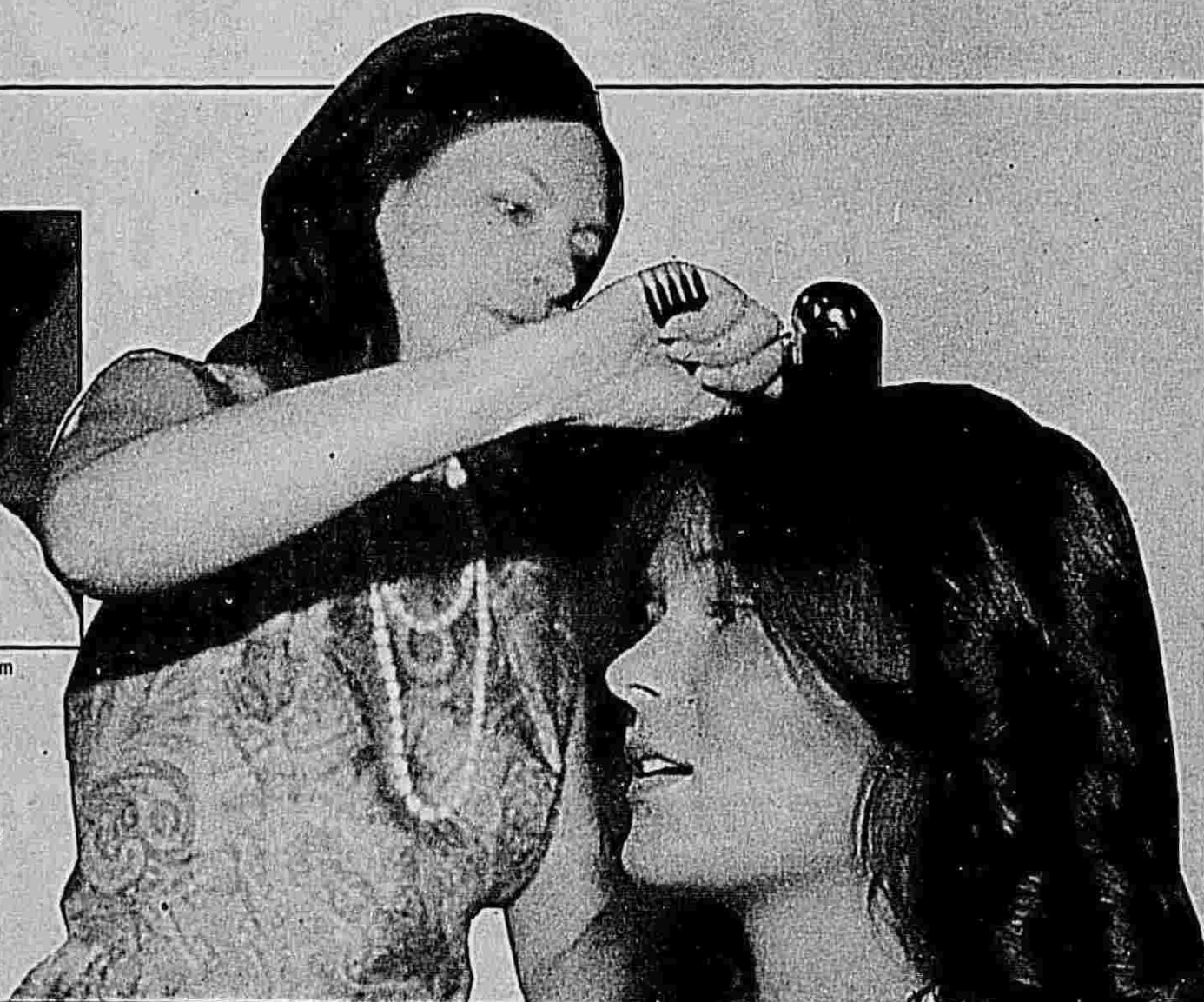
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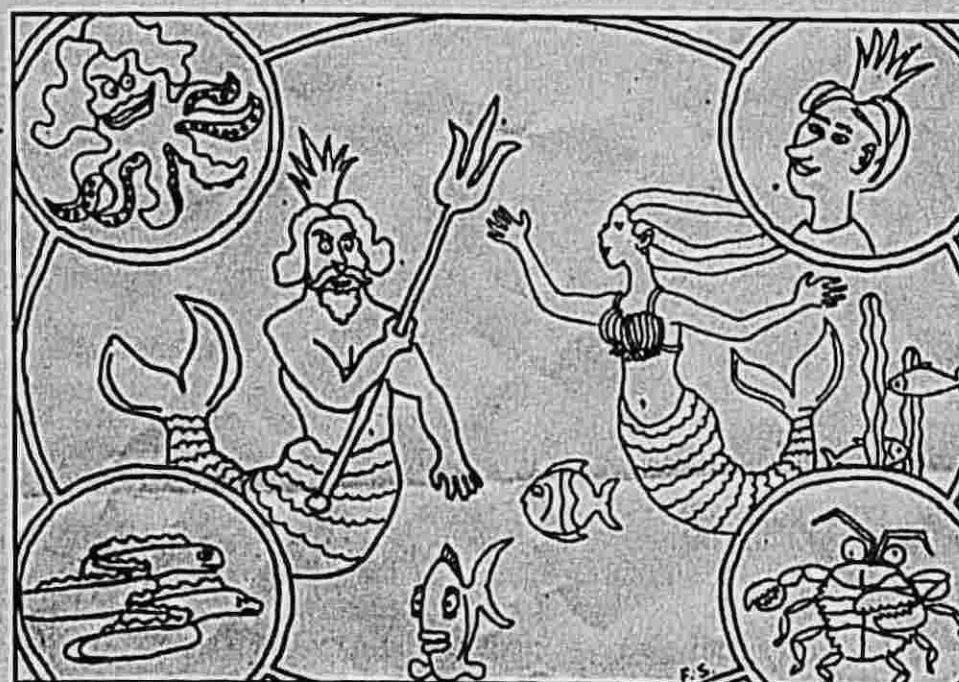
Pat Adams of North Chicago, dressed in 1970s garb, waits for her big moment as an extra on the set of the movie 5-25-77 at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan. The movie, which began filming in 2004, is about the opening of the first Star Wars movie.



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"We have six voices in this race and it invigorates the Party as a whole. It's a good chase."  
—Aaron Lincoln, Republican congressional candidate in 8th District (see story below)

## Roaring down the trail

McSweeney gains momentum in congressional race

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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With a list of endorsements that reads like the north suburban who's who and features heavy hitters like "Coach" Mike Ditka and former U.S. Senator Peter G. Fitzgerald, David McSweeney is roaring down the campaign trail.

McSweeney, the fast-talking, Reagan-quoting candidate for the 8th Congressional District seat, has raised over \$500,000 more than any other

Republican challenger to a democratic seat in the country, bringing his coffers up to \$1.5 million dollars.

"I'm very proud of the money I've raised. I'm a hard worker—self-made in everything I've done," McSweeney said.

He's giving it all he's got, making the race to win the opportunity to unseat Democratic 8th District Rep. Melissa Bean his full time job.

"It's all part of running a



David McSweeney

first rate campaign," he said. "I don't sit back and send out mail and do TV spots. I work around the clock and I will work hard for the people of Illinois."

McSweeney feels he's held his head high through what has, at times, been a difficult campaign.

"Some of my opponents have, unfortunately, resorted to negative campaign tactics—calling me a nut, questioning my integrity," McSweeney said, "but you know people are desperate when they resort to those tactics."

Despite the outcome, McSweeney is proud of his efforts. "I have a bright future, I'll be at total peace because I'll know I've given it my best shot."

## Reviving the Republican Party

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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Making a name for yourself in Lake County politics is no easy task. Being taken seriously in a Republican stronghold with a name like Lincoln is no walk in the park either.

Aaron Lincoln, candidate for the 8th Congressional District seat doesn't shy away from his instant name recognition.

"If my name is a novelty, then I'll use it to get people to take notice that there is a very

real alternative in this race—not just having to choose the lesser of two evils," Lincoln said.

The 40-year-old father of two has positioned himself as a "uniter," the candidate who is interested not only in wresting the 8th District from Melissa Bean, but also in bringing a new perspective to the Republican Party in Lake County.

"I'm enjoying the entire process," Lincoln said. "We have six voices in this race and it invigorates the Party as a

whole. It's a good chase."

Lincoln is confident the voters will see through the spin and pick the most qualified candidate.

"I think voters have had enough of the slick ads and the bickering. I'm in it to serve the people, to rebuild my father's party and make a difference."

"The person best suited to serve the voters is me with my background," Lincoln said. "I'm the only one with hands-on experience handling federal issues. I will be immediately effective in Washington."

## Mitchell running 'outside the box'

Dist. 8 candidate believes in integrity

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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Much like the Jimmy Stewart character "Mr. Smith," 8th District candidate Jim Mitchell is idealistic and hopeful.

When "Mr. Mitchell goes to Washington," he'll be using those ideals to fight to institute a flat tax to replace payroll taxes, eliminate the Social Security system, eliminate retirement benefits for members

of Congress, establish English as the only language for the United States and reintroduce the military draft to meet increasing global commitments.

Is he a radical? "Well, if thinking outside the box is radical..." wondered Mitchell. "I was trained by my dad to look at things differently, look at things from all sides."

As for changing the world, Mitchell is quick to engage in philosophical discussions about the backbone of his candidacy—the Ten Commandments.

"It's not necessarily a reli-

gious belief," he said. "If you step back and look at it, the first six items are all the basis for civil law today."

In the spirit of adhering to those tenets, Mitchell differs from his running mates by requesting that any campaign donations be given to community organizations sending care packages to servicemen and women in war zones or injured in military hospitals.

Despite not having overflowing campaign coffers, Mitchell feels voters will respond strongly to his 25 years of local government experience.

## Door-to-door service

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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As the only candidate for the 8th Congressional District seat with 27 years of government experience, Robert Churchill feels he has his finger on the pulse of Lake County.

"I've received and sent out thousands of letters, received and returned thousands of phone calls from constituents," Churchill said. "I've been to countless public and town hall meetings talking to people about their wants, needs, what they like and don't like."



Robert Churchill

"I'm there listening when people tell me they don't mind paying taxes but are frustrated when those funds are spent on frivolous programs. I hear it when people who've lived here their whole lives talk about how bad traffic is. I'm there to hear both sides of the school funding issue, from seniors who can barely afford their property taxes to young families who want to see improved test scores."

Democracy gives people choice, Churchill said of the crowded field of candidates vying to unseat U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean.

"The Republican Party has a broad spectrum of views," he said. "People appreciate having choices. If every time there was an election 100 people ran for office, our democracy would be a lot stronger. Voters would have to get involved and educated."

Churchill is relying on his presence in the lives of the constituents he hopes to serve for a win on March 21.

"Most people who go out to vote don't have any idea who they're voting for," Churchill said. "I can't tell you how many times people have said to me, 'Bob, you're the first politician who's ever knocked on my door.'"

## Our Town Antioch, Lindenhurst residents show concern for others

St. Peter School in Antioch did their part to fight world hunger by participating in a CROP WALK.



Tara Clifton

St. Peter eighth-graders recently raised \$2,384 that will benefit local relief agencies.

The CROP WALK program is part

of the Church World Service, an organization founded in 1946 that is a relief, development and refugee ministry that partners with 80 countries.

Good job, guys. Many people will be better off because of your caring.

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Congratulations to Emily Garrity for her environmental service to Lindenhurst.

The Lindenhurst Park District, in conjunction with the Illinois Association of Park Districts and the Illinois Park and Recreation Association, gave Emily the 2005 Community Service Award.

For years, Emily has donated shade trees, pines and spruces to the Lindenhurst Park District that were transplanted at various parks.

Emily has not only shown caring for nature, but people also. She is active in the Lindenhurst-Lake Villa Chamber of Commerce.

Thanks, Emily, for being so involved in your community.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town," e-mail reporter Tara Clifton at tclifton@nwnewsgroup.com



## Finding a way

Arnold uses creativity to solve state problems

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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When you listen to Republican Ken Arnold talk, you notice that he speaks clearly and slowly. He wants you to understand every word of his detailed response to your question.

His answers to voters' persistent questions are known as his "white papers." They provide simple, innovative and "elegant" solutions to issues such as tax reform, abortion laws, transportation gridlock, health care reform, energy sources and even space exploration.

Arnold's ideas are not the long-winded rantings of a candidate looking for votes but of a person who has spent years planning how to reform the ineffective practices plaguing our government.

But is Congress ready for such different ideas? "There are various forms of power,"

Arnold said. "One is the power of authority and ideas. In Washington I would have that from the get-go. I would be the in-house consultant on healthcare reform issues."



Ken Arnold

and fellow legislators are interested in original, creative and inspiring ideas.

"It doesn't matter who proposes them as long as the solutions make sense. Everyone is looking for solutions, a way out," Arnold said. "I can be that pathfinder, I will be that pathfinder."

Arnold bristles at the suggestion that he is too far off-center for most voters.

"When people really hear and understand my message, I have them," he said.

He thinks chances for an election night celebration are good. "I'm 100 percent 'Grade A' Republican and I will make ground beef out of Melissa Bean."

## Leading Lake County

Geo-Karis prepares for primary election

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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Adeline Geo-Karis, 77, is a political superstar in Lake County, having devoted much of her life to serving the residents of Lake County.

Her 34 years as a legislator, 26 as a senator in Dist. 31, certainly demonstrate her experience and ability to represent voters. On the issues she has a distinctive voice, erring on the side of prudence.

Despite the popular opinion that all levels of government are plagued by corruption, she has come out to defend her downstate colleagues.

"I don't think there has been that much corruption," she said.

The Republican has taken flak from her main opponent, Sue Simpson, for not being

tough enough on ending the culture of corruption.



Adeline Geo-Karis

But, it's been the issue of Geo-Karis' age that has been at the forefront of this race. There has been much controversy over the Republican Party members who have come out to support Geo or her opponent Simpson.

The issue revolves around whether Geo-Karis is physically up to the task of meeting the demands of her duties as Senator for another term. Geo-Karis herself feels there's no question of her stamina.

"I've worked really hard, I do my best, I relate to voters and I've helped people all along," Geo-Karis said. "I have a lot of energy."

# The big push

## D34 wants a yes vote on March 21

By TARA CLIFTON  
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School district 34 obviously has a problem.

It's schools are overflowing with students. The student population is more than 3,000 and capacity is only 2,870. Sixteen mobile classrooms house extra children, a safety concern for parents and staff.

The remedy to the problem that district officials have proposed is building two new schools, but community members are debating whether it's the right solution.

A referendum on the March 21 ballot will ask taxpayers to approve the proposal, increasing the tax rate by 20 cents. For a home with a value of \$200,000, this would add \$123 a year to that homeowner's taxes. The owner of a \$300,000 home would pay an extra \$185 a year.

The tax increase would help pay for the \$45.6 million project.

District officials held information sessions and school tours to push for a yes vote on the spring ballot.

One session was at W.C. Petty Elementary School. Display boards packed with graphs, charts, maps and other information encircled a science classroom, looking very much like a science fair exhibit.

Petty staffers, representatives from Green Associates, the architecture firm that is drawing up plans for the two possible schools, and Superintendent Scott Thompson were on hand to field questions from parents that flowed in and out of the open house session.

Steve Stiglic of Antioch studied a chart explaining the tax increase. A minute earlier he spoke with Thompson to learn more.

"I know it's well-needed, but they're still going to be short," Stiglic said of the two-building proposal.

Before the district knows it, the rapid population growth will require even more space for students, Stiglic said. The district should have planned on constructing three new schools,

he said.

The biggest concern Thompson said he hears from students is the idea of lumping fifth-graders into the new middle school building. The junior high would be for grades five through eight.

Kit Dunn, communications specialist for Green Associates, explained that fifth-graders would be in the same building as the middle schoolers, but they would be sectioned off into their own area and still follow an elementary-style program.

Paula Lohrmann and Dawn Kirkegaard came to the Petty open house to get more information, they said. The two scrutinized the mini billboards, bouncing concerns off of each other.

"It's obvious it's needed, but the problem is statewide, and that's the real problem," Kirkegaard said. She said schools all over Illinois are suffering from overcrowding and lack of funds, and she isn't sure that building two schools will really solve the problem.

Both Kirkegaard and Lohrmann said they wondered about the impact the new buildings would have on roads, the bus system and other transportation issues.

Some residents may be skeptical of the district's plan, but others have thrown their full support behind it. Joni Kalstrup and Tracy Campbell formed Citizens for D34 Children, a pro-referendum organization.

Campbell said she was on the Assuring the Future committee, which determined that building two schools would be the best way to handle the increasing student population.

Alternatives the committee considered included putting an addition between Antioch Upper Grade School and Petty Elementary, adding on to the schools and making the schools two stories tall, Campbell said.

"But we realized that the district is growing at such a rate that we needed two new buildings," she said.

Kalstrup and Campbell said they spend nearly 20 hours a

### What it means

Dist. 34 is asking for a \$.20 increase in the tax rate to fund two new schools.

This will add \$123 a year to the tax bill on a \$200,000 home and \$185 on a \$300,000 home.

week calling voters, passing out flyers and newsletters, and asking people to register to vote.

Kalstrup said this is the solution the district has been waiting for.

"People hear tax increase and they don't hear the rest of your sentence," Kalstrup said. "They get afraid that the board isn't looking out for their best interests."

And the tax increase isn't really that bad, the two women said. Kalstrup said it's a nice dinner out. Campbell compared it to a night's stay at Wisconsin Dells.

Kalstrup and Campbell have two boys each in the district schools. Kalstrup said she doesn't want overcrowding to get in the way of their education.

"If I'm going to put my money somewhere, that's one place where I will definitely put my money," Kalstrup said.

### Other area referendums

Dist. 116 is asking for \$17 million in school building bonds to reconstruct Magee Middle School in Round Lake, create a common space at the high school and provide all the elementary schools with new heating and cooling units.

The referendum will cost of a homeowner with a \$100,000 home 23 cents a day.

Mundelein High School Dist. 20 will ask voters to allow an increase in the maximum annual educational tax rate. Officials say residents will not see an increase in tax rate if the referendum passes.

Because the district recently paid off debt, the educational tax rate will drop by 40 cents. Officials are seeking to keep the rate the same and use the extra money to restore several services and programs that were cut.



## Salvi sees herself as 'front-runner' in 8th Dist.

Salvi represents mainstream values of 8th District

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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Kathy Salvi

"Family values" isn't just a convenient buzz-phrase for Kathy Salvi. She lives them everyday as a partner in a personal injury law firm who has time to serve her community on several boards, all while managing a household of six children and a husband who moonlights as an outspoken radio personality.

Despite a few controversies on the campaign trail, most involving verbal volleys between herself and fellow 8th District candidate David McSweeney, Salvi draws on her life-long dedication to the Republican Party and its principles to hold her head high.

"It's all part of being the frontrunner," Salvi said. "It's part of the lay of the land. I try to stay positive and on message."

That message includes raising school test scores and seek-

ing more accountability for school teachers, recognizing marriage as a covenant only for a man and a woman, and putting a halt to illegal immigration.

"The rules and laws need to be enforced," said Salvi. "There is nothing humane about people who are crammed into crates by 'coyotes' looking to profit off of others. And I am fully supportive of legal immigration."

Most political observers, as well as Salvi, feel her gender would level the playing field during a November showdown with incumbent Rep. Melissa Bean.

"I enjoy campaigning, I enjoy serving," she said.

"Every day is new and I've felt tremendous support from voters as I walk from business to business and home to home talking to people. I'm a rock-solid tax fighter, fiscal conservative defender of the family... and we're ready to take it on home in November."

## COMMUNITY

# Simpson ready for challenge

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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What is it like to campaign against a living legend? Just ask Sue Simpson.

Despite the furor over Simpson challenging Adeline Geo-Karis, who had hand-picked her to be her successor before deciding to run for another term, Simpson has called Geo a friend for years and simply wishes to present the community with an alternative.

"Our philosophies are alike in many ways but I see things with a newer perspective," Simpson said. "Like this pay-to-

play culture of corruption business. Obviously [Geo-Karis] doesn't think it's a problem and I do."

Despite the media volleys, Simpson chooses to stay focused on the needs of the voters.

"I will represent the constituents of the 31st District. I believe in representing the people, not my view. The voters can be certain I will vote the way they want me to," she said.

"For instance, in much of my district a big issue is access to health care facilities. Folks in Antioch, Lake Villa and Fox

Lake need a hospital in the north central part of Lake County. I support the plan to establish one nearby in Lindenhurst."

Simpson is upbeat about her chances for securing a seat for the November elections against Michael Bond, but the final leg of any race is the biggest challenge.

"Geo has huge name ID but the reception I've gotten has been extremely favorable," Simpson said. "God willing, I'm the winner, but if not there will be a lot of Republicans in the primary who will need my help."

## Curran, Oliver square off in sheriff race

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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When Larry Oliver decided to take the leap into public life he did so at his own risk. Having the courage to openly oppose your boss is considered professional suicide by some.

That hasn't deterred Oliver from opposing Sheriff Gary Del Re.

"He has been challenged before, it's nothing new to him," he said. "I'm not worried about

Gary Del Re or what he can do to me."

Running on a platform of restoring accountability, honor and integrity to an office which has been dogged by what he refers to as "ethical and fiscal violations," Oliver brings to the race 26 years of service in the sheriff's office.

Despite the professional experience of Mark Curran, his Democratic opponent, Oliver said the county's top cop post should be held by an actual cop.

Curran's list of high-profile positions, professional recognitions, teaching posts and campaign endorsements pale in comparison to his quest to end corruption in the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

"Indictment of the top officials in Sheriff Del Re's administration and a two year investigation by the Lake County State's Attorney's Office and the Illinois Attorney General's Office is less than acceptable," Curran said.

# Several vie for seats in county board primary election

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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Below is a brief rundown of the contested Lake County Board Districts heading into Election Day.

### District 2

Diane Hewitt of Waukegan is one of two candidates challenging for the Democratic nomination in the primary.

A parts representative for General Motors, Brandon Rohrdanz of Gurnee is also vying to unseat incumbent Republican Randall Whitmore.

Hewitt said she is a proponent of open space and would look for ways to fund road improvements.

Rohrdanz said he too is a proponent of open space, is opposed to over-development and wants more land acquisition for forest preserves.

On the Republican side, Whitmore, of Wadsworth, is the owner of a gas station and towing business in addition to being the Dist. 2 incumbent.

He said he wants increased efforts to recruit businesses and retain existing businesses.

Jason Mercure of Beach Park is challenging Whitmore as a Republican. He said he wants county representatives to be more accessible to constituents and would hold quarterly meetings.

### District 4

In the Lake County Board Dist. 4 race, Republican candidate Jack Senter, of Zion, is hoping to unseat incumbent Brent Paxton, who is seeking his third term as representative.

Senter has said he wants to attract and retain businesses through business-friendly poli-

cies and is committed to not increasing taxes.

Paxton said he is opposed to raising property taxes and sales taxes without requesting approval from voters through referendum.

### District 8

In the Lake County Board Dist. 8 race, Democratic candidate Bill Durkin is challenging Democrat incumbent Bob Sabonjian, who is seeking his third term as representative. Both candidates are sons of former Waukegan mayors.

Durkin has spent seven years as park district commissioner and said he supports further acquisition of land for forest preserves, and wants to control development.

Through the years, Sabonjian has helped secure more than \$500,000 to create affordable housing in Waukegan, has cleaned up the lakefront,

and spurred home ownership initiatives.

### District 12

Michael Rodriguez is challenging Democratic incumbent Angelo D. Kyle, who has served as the District 12 representative since 1990.

Rodriguez said he wants to revitalize initiatives to cope with high poverty in the district, will work toward creating a good business climate to attract and retain small businesses and will make land acquisition a priority while emphasizing preservation of wetlands.

Rodriguez feels he is the candidate to best represent the interests of the district's Hispanic population and to spur increased Hispanic leadership in the community.

"North Chicago has one of the fastest growing Hispanic communities in Lake County,"

he said. "I can speak to the community in two languages and speak to all facets of the community."

Kyle, meanwhile, said he would continue to make homeownership opportunities and affordable housing available to residents primarily employed in service-oriented jobs and support tax incentives to create a friendlier business climate to retain and attract new businesses.

He also refuted his opponent's charge that he does not effectively represent the interests of the Hispanic population in the district.

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## Finding a way

Arnold uses creativity to solve state problems

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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When you listen to Republican Ken Arnold talk, you notice that he speaks clearly and slowly. He wants you to understand every word of his detailed response to your question.

His answers to voters' persistent questions are known as his "white papers." They provide simple, innovative and "elegant" solutions to issues such as tax reform, abortion laws, transportation gridlock, health care reform, energy sources and even space exploration.

Arnold's ideas are not the long-winded rantings of a candidate looking for votes but of a person who has spent years planning how to reform the ineffective practices plaguing our government.

But is Congress ready for such different ideas? "There are various forms of power,"

Arnold said. "One is the power of authority and ideas. In Washington I would have that



Ken Arnold

from the get-go. I would be the in-house consultant on healthcare reform issues."

Arnold believes constituents and fellow legislators are interested in original, creative and inspiring ideas.

"It doesn't matter who proposes them as long as the solutions make sense. Everyone is looking for solutions, a way out," Arnold said. "I can be that pathfinder, I will be that pathfinder."

Arnold bristles at the suggestion that he is too far off-center for most voters.

"When people really hear and understand my message, I have them," he said.

He thinks chances for an election night celebration are good. "I'm 100 percent 'Grade A' Republican and I will make ground beef out of Melissa Bean."

## Leading Lake County

Geo-Karis prepares for primary election

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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Adeline Geo-Karis, 77, is a political superstar in Lake County, having devoted much of her life to serving the residents of Lake County.

Her 34 years as a legislator, 26 as a senator in Dist. 31, certainly demonstrate her experience and ability to represent voters. On the issues she has a distinctive voice, erring on the side of prudence.

Despite the popular opinion that all levels of government are plagued by corruption, she has come out to defend her downstate colleagues.

"I don't think there has been that much corruption," she said.

The Republican has taken flak from her main opponent, Sue Simpson, for not being

tough enough on ending the culture of corruption.



Adeline Geo-Karis

But, it's been the issue of Geo-Karis' age that has been at the forefront of this race. There has been much controversy over the Republican Party members who have come out to support Geo or her opponent Simpson.

The issue revolves around whether Geo-Karis is physically up to the task of meeting the demands of her duties as Senator for another term. Geo-Karis herself feels there's no question of her stamina.

"I've worked really hard, I do my best, I relate to voters and I've helped people all along," Geo-Karis said. "I have a lot of energy."

# The big push

## D34 wants a yes vote on March 21

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School district 34 obviously has a problem.

Its schools are overflowing with students. The student population is more than 3,000 and capacity is only 2,870. Sixteen mobile classrooms house extra children, a safety concern for parents and staff.

The remedy to the problem that district officials have proposed is building two new schools, but community members are debating whether it's the right solution.

A referendum on the March 21 ballot will ask taxpayers to approve the proposal, increasing the tax rate by 20 cents. For a home with a value of \$200,000, this would add \$123 a year to that homeowner's taxes. The owner of a \$300,000 home would pay an extra \$185 a year.

The tax increase would help pay for the \$45.6 million project.

District officials held information sessions and school tours to push for a yes vote on the spring ballot.

One session was at W.C. Petty Elementary School. Display boards packed with graphs, charts, maps and other information encircled a science classroom, looking very much like a science fair exhibit.

Petty staffers, representatives from Green Associates, the architecture firm that is drawing up plans for the two possible schools, and Superintendent Scott Thompson were on hand to field questions from parents that flowed in and out of the open house session.

Steve Stiglic of Antioch studied a chart explaining the tax increase. A minute earlier he spoke with Thompson to learn more.

"I know it's well-needed, but they're still going to be short," Stiglic said of the two-building proposal.

Before the district knows it, the rapid population growth will require even more space for students, Stiglic said. The district should have planned on constructing three new schools,

he said.

The biggest concern Thompson said he hears from students is the idea of lumping fifth-graders into the new middle school building. The junior high would be for grades five through eight.

Kit Dunn, communications specialist for Green Associates, explained that fifth-graders would be in the same building as the middle schoolers, but they would be sectioned off into their own area and still follow an elementary-style program.

Paula Lohrmann and Dawn Kirkegaard came to the Petty open house to get more information, they said. The two scrutinized the mini billboards, bouncing concerns off of each other.

"It's obvious it's needed, but the problem is statewide, and that's the real problem," Kirkegaard said. She said schools all over Illinois are suffering from overcrowding and lack of funds, and she isn't sure that building two schools will really solve the problem.

Both Kirkegaard and Lohrmann said they wondered about the impact the new buildings would have on roads, the bus system and other transportation issues.

Some residents may be skeptical of the district's plan, but others have thrown their full support behind it. Joni Kalstrup and Tracy Campbell formed Citizens for D34 Children, a pro-referendum organization.

Campbell said she was on the Assuring the Future committee, which determined that building two schools would be the best way to handle the increasing student population.

Alternatives the committee considered included putting an addition between Antioch Upper Grade School and Petty Elementary, adding on to the schools and making the schools two stories tall, Campbell said.

"But we realized that the district is growing at such a rate that we needed two new buildings," she said.

Kalstrup and Campbell said they spend nearly 20 hours a

### What it means

Dist. 34 is asking for a \$.20 increase in the tax rate to fund two new schools.

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week calling voters, passing out flyers and newsletters, and asking people to register to vote.

Kalstrup said this is the solution the district has been waiting for.

"People hear tax increase and they don't hear the rest of your sentence," Kalstrup said. "They get afraid that the board isn't looking out for their best interests."

And the tax increase isn't really that bad, the two women said. Kalstrup said it's a nice dinner out. Campbell compared it to a night's stay at Wisconsin Dells.

Kalstrup and Campbell have two boys each in the district schools. Kalstrup said she doesn't want overcrowding to get in the way of their education.

"If I'm going to put my money somewhere, that's one place where I will definitely put my money," Kalstrup said.

### Other area referendums

Dist. 116 is asking for \$17 million in school building bonds to reconstruct Magee Middle School in Round Lake, create a common space at the high school and provide all the elementary schools with new heating and cooling units.

The referendum will cost of a homeowner with a \$100,000 home 23 cents a day.

Mundelein High School Dist. 20 will ask voters to allow an increase in the maximum annual educational tax rate. Officials say residents will not see an increase in tax rate if the referendum passes.

Because the district recently paid off debt, the educational tax rate will drop by 40 cents. Officials are seeking to keep the rate the same and use the extra money to restore several services and programs that were cut.



## Salvi sees herself as 'front-runner' in 8th Dist.

Salvi represents mainstream values of 8th District

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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Kathy Salvi

"Family values" isn't just a convenient buzz-phrase for Kathy Salvi. She lives them everyday as a partner in a personal injury law firm who has time to serve her community on several boards, all while managing a household of six children and a husband who moonlights as an outspoken radio personality.

Despite a few controversies on the campaign trail, most involving verbal volleys between herself and fellow 8th District candidate David McSweeney, Salvi draws on her life-long dedication to the Republican Party and its principles to hold her head high.

"It's all part of being the frontrunner," Salvi said. "It's part of the lay of the land. I try to stay positive and on message."

That message includes raising school test scores and seek-

ing more accountability for school teachers, recognizing marriage as a covenant only for a man and a woman, and putting a halt to illegal immigration.

"The rules and laws need to be enforced," said Salvi. "There is nothing humane about people who are crammed into crates by 'coyotes' looking to profit off of others. And I am fully supportive of legal immigration."

Most political observers, as well as Salvi, feel her gender would level the playing field during a November showdown with incumbent Rep. Melissa Bean.

"I enjoy campaigning, I enjoy serving," she said.

"Every day is new and I've felt tremendous support from voters as I walk from business to business and home to home talking to people. I'm a rock-solid tax fighter, fiscal conservative defender of the family... and we're ready to take it on home in November."

## Simpson ready for challenge

By ESTHER CEPEDA  
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What is it like to campaign against a living legend? Just ask Sue Simpson.

Despite the furor over Simpson challenging Adeline Geo-Karis, who had hand-picked her to be her successor before deciding to run for another term, Simpson has called Geo a friend for years and simply wishes to present the community with an alternative.

"Our philosophies are alike in many ways but I see things with a newer perspective," Simpson said. "Like this pay-to-

play culture of corruption business. Obviously [Geo-Karis] doesn't think it's a problem and I do."

Despite the media volleys, Simpson chooses to stay focused on the needs of the voters.

"I will represent the constituents of the 31st District. I believe in representing the people, not my view. The voters can be certain I will vote the way they want me to," she said.

"For instance, in much of my district a big issue is access to health care facilities. Folks in Antioch, Lake Villa and Fox

Lake need a hospital in the north central part of Lake County. I support the plan to establish one nearby in Lindenhurst."

Simpson is upbeat about her chances for securing a seat for the November elections against Michael Bond, but the final leg of any race is the biggest challenge.

"Geo has huge name ID but the reception I've gotten has been extremely favorable," Simpson said. "God willing, I'm the winner, but if not there will be a lot of Republicans in the primary who will need my help."

## Curran, Oliver square off in sheriff race

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When Larry Oliver decided to take the leap into public life he did so at his own risk. Having the courage to openly oppose your boss is considered professional suicide by some.

That hasn't deterred Oliver from opposing Sheriff Gary Del Re.

"He has been challenged before, it's nothing new to him," he said. "I'm not worried about

Gary Del Re or what he can do to me."

Running on a platform of restoring accountability, honor and integrity to an office which has been dogged by what he refers to as "ethical and fiscal violations," Oliver brings to the race 26 years of service in the sheriff's office.

Despite the professional experience of Mark Curran, his Democratic opponent, Oliver said the county's top cop post should be held by an actual cop.

Curran's list of high-profile positions, professional recognitions, teaching posts and campaign endorsements pale in comparison to his quest to end corruption in the Lake County Sheriff's Office.

"Indictment of the top officials in Sheriff Del Re's administration and a two year investigation by the Lake County State's Attorney's Office and the Illinois Attorney General's Office is less than acceptable," Curran said

## Several vie for seats in county board primary election

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Below is a brief rundown of the contested Lake County Board Districts heading into Election Day.

### District 2

Diane Hewitt of Waukegan is one of two candidates challenging for the Democratic nomination in the primary.

A parts representative for General Motors, Brandon Rohrdanz of Gurnee is also vying to unseat incumbent Republican Randall Whitmore.

Hewitt said she is a proponent of open space and would look for ways to fund road improvements.

Rohrdanz said he too is a proponent of open space, is opposed to over-development and wants more land acquisition for forest preserves.

On the Republican side, Whitmore, of Wadsworth, is the owner of a gas station and towing business in addition to being the Dist. 2 incumbent.

He said he wants increased efforts to recruit businesses and retain existing businesses.

Jason Mercure of Beach Park is challenging Whitmore as a Republican. He said he wants county representatives to be more accessible to constituents and would hold quarterly meetings.

### District 4

In the Lake County Board Dist. 4 race, Republican candidate Jack Senter, of Zion, is hoping to unseat incumbent Brent Paxton, who is seeking his third term as representative.

Senter has said he wants to attract and retain businesses through business-friendly poli-

cies and is committed to not increasing taxes.

Paxton said he is opposed to raising property taxes and sales taxes without requesting approval from voters through referendum.

### District 8

In the Lake County Board Dist. 8 race, Democratic candidate Bill Durkin is challenging Democrat incumbent Bob Sabonjian, who is seeking his third term as representative. Both candidates are sons of former Waukegan mayors.

Durkin has spent seven years as park district commissioner and said he supports further acquisition of land for forest preserves, and wants to control development.

Through the years, Sabonjian has helped secure more than \$500,000 to create affordable housing in Waukegan, has cleaned up the lakefront,

and spurred home ownership initiatives.

### District 12

Michael Rodriguez is challenging Democratic incumbent Angelo D. Kyle, who has served as the District 12 representative since 1990.

Rodriguez said he wants to revitalize initiatives to cope with high poverty in the district, will work toward creating a good business climate to attract and retain small businesses and will make land acquisition a priority while emphasizing preservation of wetlands.

Rodriguez feels he is the candidate to best represent the interests of the district's Hispanic population and to spur increased Hispanic leadership in the community.

"North Chicago has one of the fastest growing Hispanic communities in Lake County,"

he said. "I can speak to the community in two languages and speak to all facets of the community."

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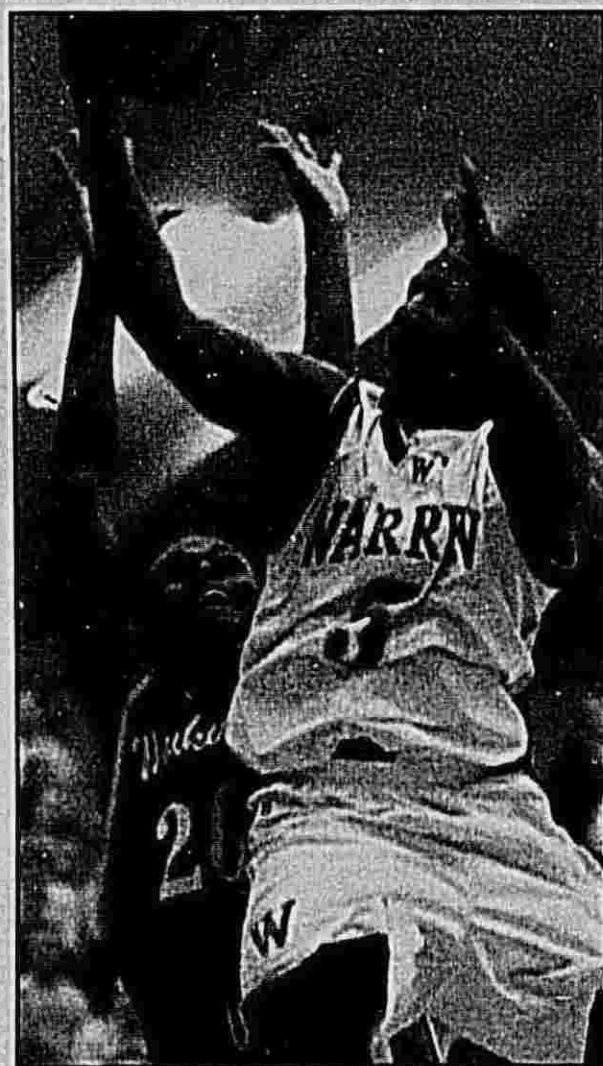
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## Wasting no time



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Former Waukegan Mayor Bill Durkin casts his early vote for the March 21 general primary elections at the Lake County Building in Waukegan. Durkin was the fourth vote in the new early voting system.

## Proposed bus routes gain momentum

Local leaders say expanded public transit would connect more people to jobs

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Lake County residents might soon have two new options for public transit that would connect certain areas to job opportunities that are currently difficult to access for those without personal transportation.

A county-wide effort, called Getting to Work in Lake County, was initiated last summer, when more than 100 local leaders and representatives from various community organizations attended planning sessions to develop a strategy to connect people to those jobs.

The resulting plan calls for two new bus routes, which would require both state and federal funding to accomplish.

The first route, called the Lake County Express, would run simultaneously both west from Waukegan and south through North Chicago with stops in Gurnee, Grayslake, Mundelein, Vernon Hills and Libertyville.

The second route, called the Round Lake Connector, would pick up the Lake County Express in Gurnee and run through Grayslake, the Round Lake area and Lake Villa.

During a presentation of the proposal at the Community Action Partnership of Lake County (CAP) in Waukegan, CAP Executing Director and CEO Mary Lockhart White said the plan would give residents unprecedented access to retail, commercial and manufacturing jobs.

"While we value the mass transit service, it has not kept pace with where the jobs are located," she said. "These jobs, many of which have been added in the last two decades, often operate after 7 p.m. and throughout the weekend, basically during times that bus service does not."

The Grand Victoria Foundation, which offers grants to Illinois organizations focused on economic improvement, funded the planning process for the new routes, which was facilitated by Work, Welfare and Families, a state-

wide coalition based in Chicago that works with issues facing low-income families.

David Young, president of Lake County Partners, an economic development corporation, said the bus routes would provide new job opportunities as well as reduce traffic congestion throughout the county.

"Businesses are looking for an efficient infrastructure to carry goods and services and especially the workforce throughout the county and the region, which is why we support the project," he said. "We're all about connecting workers and places of residence to jobs."

In order to make the new routes a reality, Lake County legislators are heading a bipartisan effort to secure \$1.19 million in state transit funds, which would be matched by federal access funds from the Job Access Reverse Commute program.

State Sen. Terry Link, D-Lake Bluff, and State Rep. Kathy Ryg, D-Vernon Hills, were also at CAP to pledge their support for the program.

"In a bipartisan way, all 12 Lake County legislators have signed off...to

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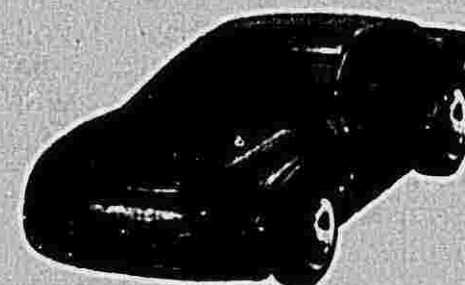
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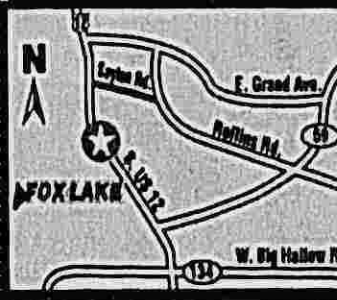
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## There's a Revolution Underway in the Real Estate Industry

Not so long ago, housing inventories were turning over so fast you had to pretty much put a bid on the home of your dreams the day you found it, or someone else would snap it up. But times are changing. Rather than staying on the market for just a few days, or a week or two, single family homes are now taking 30 to 60 days or more to sell in most markets.

"We are clearly experiencing a market transition, moving from a prolonged boom to a more balanced period of sustainable sales," says David Lereah, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors (NAR) in the organization's 2006 home sales forecast. Translation — it's turning from a seller's market, into one that's

more favorable for buyers.

With more inventory out there, sellers are having to work harder to get their listings to stand out. NAR statistics indicate that in 2005, 77 percent of U.S. consumers started their search for a new home online. The most recent data published by Ipsos-Reid for online activity indicates that 54 percent of Canadian adults who have an Internet connection browse for real estate online. Based on these figures, industry experts say marketing on the Internet is the way to go.

"Sellers have come to realize that to get good value for their home, they need to make sure they choose an agent who knows how to effectively market a home online; and that

doesn't mean just putting the listing up on a company Web site either," says Brendan King, chief operating officer at Point2 Technologies, a software technology company specializing in online marketing tools for real estate professionals.

Rob Tucker who works in the Boulder, Colo., office of Keller Williams, the fourth largest real estate franchise in the United States, stumbled upon Point2's real estate software, Point2 Agent, three years ago while searching for a more efficient way to market his properties online.

"Before getting into real estate, I owned a Web-based company that sold outdoor gear and online training, so I was fully aware of the power of the

Internet from the start," says Tucker. "I was spending a lot of time and a small fortune on a Web site that offered the tools I knew I needed to make my listings stand out from the rest on the Internet. Point2 offered everything I wanted and at a fraction of the cost."

Among the tools Tucker takes advantage of to get his listings to stand out, and in front of as many people as possible: providing lots of pictures online, offering extensive descriptions that answer all the questions a person may have about the property before they set foot inside, and getting his listings onto search engines such as Google and Yahoo! and real estate consumer Web sites such as Realtor.com and Point2Homes.com. He also

includes tools like Google Earth, so potential buyers can see what's nearby, and get access to neighborhood information.

"The successful online marketing of real estate doesn't work unless you pull out all the stops," says Tucker. "I've often had people — buyers and sellers alike — thank me for offering as much information as I do. A lot of sales have gone through because my listings were more complete than the next guy's."

If you're planning to sell a home in the near future, log on to [www.point2homes.com](http://www.point2homes.com) to see how your listings can, and according to King and Tucker, should appear. You can also use the site to find an experienced agent near you.—Courtesy of ARA Content

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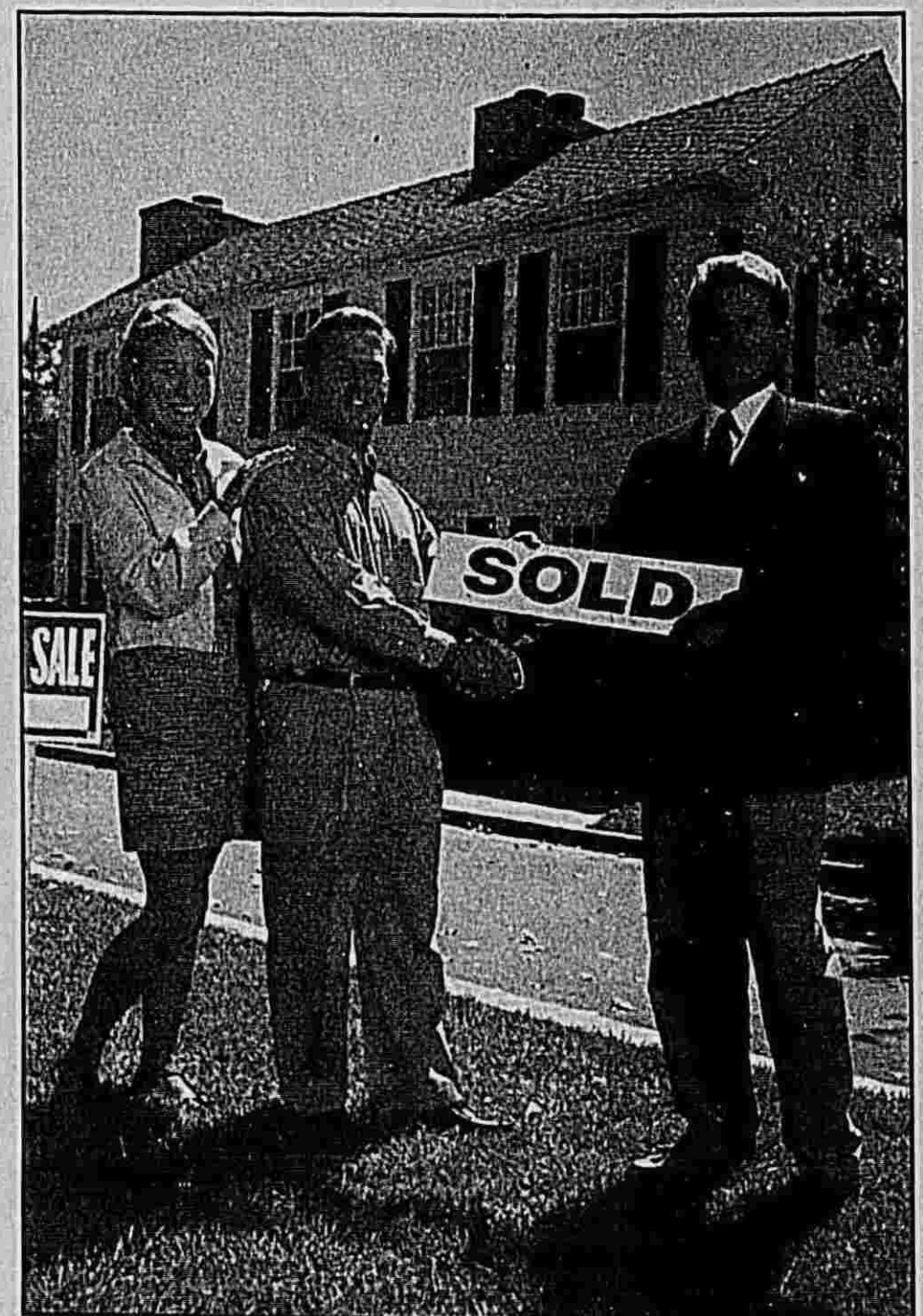
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Walters is one of Chicago's leading residential real estate sales agents with average annual sales of \$50 million. He has established a reputation in the real estate market for action and excellence nationally

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The branding has paid off in another, unexpected way, as well. In October, ABC launched a show called "Hot Properties," a sitcom about four women who run a Manhattan real estate office. Walters is currently in licensing negotiations with Warner Brothers Television (WBTV).

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# 2

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# 3

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418 Lake Shore Dr., 267,000  
224 Clifton Dr., 114,500  
313 Kenwood, 125,000  
426 Bellevue, 113,000  
769 Admiral, 223,500  
524 Arbor, 119,000  
409 Bellevue, 96,000  
8 Pineview, 108,100  
308 Fairlawn Dr., 89,000  
318 Clifton, 148,000

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189 Montelth Court, 415,000  
222 Colong Ct., 235,000  
1602 Applewood Lane, 288,500  
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7808 River Drive, 128,000  
7511 Villa Vista, 163,000  
38173 Lee, 154,000  
25, 25A Woodland, 39,000

### VERNON HILLS

373 Bay Tree Circle, 276,148

352 Bay Tree Circle, 288,157  
272 Hunter, 337,000  
136 Midway, 286,000  
1004 Centurion Lane, 100,000  
335 Albert Drive, 226,000  
336 Somerset Ln., 123,000

### WAUCONDA

28262 Maple, 110,000  
26528 Brooks, 140,000  
1250 Rand Rd., 300,000  
26528 Brooks, 140,000

### WAUKEGAN

1939 Apache Rd., 119,000  
3425 Winhaven, 149,400  
2617 Theresa, 110,000  
2720 Iroquois St., 138,000  
39579 Orchard Bluff Lane, 100,000  
2745 Augusta Dr., 141,000  
14150 August Zupac, 265,000  
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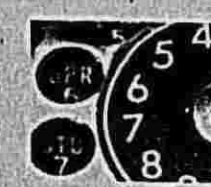
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# WHEELS

**Looking for a new car?**  
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## Wheels on the Web: 7 Tips to finding a quality car without getting scammed

Half of us use the Internet to help buy a car, according to a recent study. The reasons are obvious — we can research and compare inventory and pricing all from the comfort of our homes. Sound good? It can be, but since the market has expanded beyond our neighborhoods, we may become more vulnerable to potential fraud.

To protect your purchases and hard-earned money, you should take the same common sense approach as with classified ads. Here are seven tips to finding a quality used vehicle and avoiding fraud online:

### 1) See what others have to say

Check to see if the Web site listing offers seller feedback. Read over information about

previous transactions and look for any comments that may alert you. If the site does not offer feedback, ask the seller for references. You want to make sure the seller is honest and will provide a safe, reliable transaction.

### 2) Contact the seller

Find out as much as you can about both the seller and the car you are interested in. Ask why they are selling the vehicle, how many miles and owners it has and if it has ever been in an accident. Ask about the condition of the vehicle and if all of the service records have been kept.

### 3) Get a vehicle history report

Get a detailed vehicle history

report from Carfax ([www.carfax.com](http://www.carfax.com)). The report will give you valuable information such as the number of owners, mileage readings, whether the car has ever been salvaged, declared a lemon and much more. Compare the information given to you by the seller to the Carfax Report. Many of the cars listed at sites like AutoMart.com have free Carfax Reports.

### 4) Know the car's market value

Get online pricing information from Edmunds ([www.edmunds.com](http://www.edmunds.com)) or Kelley Blue Book ([www.kbb.com](http://www.kbb.com)). If the price is significantly lower, take extra precautions. Remember, if the deal seems too good to be true, it probably is.

### 5) Get a second opinion

It may cost around \$75 bucks, but it is well worth it to have a certified mechanic thoroughly inspect the car you are serious about (and paying a lot of money for). If the car is in a different state, contact a mechanic in the local area to arrange an inspection.

### 6) Proceed with caution

Review the description, payment and shipping details. Make sure you understand everything you are signing. Find out what actions the seller will take if a problem occurs and get all promises in writing. Never disclose personal information such as your social security number, bank account number or date of birth.

### 7) Know your rights

Contact your state's attorney general's office to find out what protections you have in case a deal goes bad.

The Internet has opened up a large market of used cars. As long as you take the necessary steps to make it a safe and reliable transaction, there are many great deals to be had. Buying a car is the second biggest investment you will ever make. Take the time to ensure that you are getting a quality vehicle for your hard-earned money. Report any suspicious behavior to the Internet Fraud Complaint Center ([www.ifccfbi.gov](http://www.ifccfbi.gov)) or the Better Business Bureau ([www.bbb.com](http://www.bbb.com)).—Courtesy of ARA Content

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# New film to feature local flavor

*Patrick Read Johnson's "5-25-77" shoots scenes in Waukegan*

By EMILY PREVITI  
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Angelina.  
Brad.  
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Lindsay.

Lake County residents who have tired of seeing these beautiful people on film and, more often, in tabloids, should take heart. Soon, a movie will premiere that features local faces and places.

"5-25-77," Patrick Read Johnson's latest project, shot scenes at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan on Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14. People from throughout the county flocked in hopes of being selected to be extras in the movie.



Sandy Bressner-sbressner@nwnewsgroup.com

Pat Adams of North Chicago, dressed in 1970s garb, waits for her big moment as an extra on the set of the movie 5-25-77 at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan. The movie, which began filming in 2004, is about the opening of the first Star Wars movie.

Johnson, a director from Wadsworth, filmed other scenes throughout Lake County in 2004.

Kat White, extras casing director, said that the film, named for the date of the release of "Star Wars", would likely have

more close-ups of extras than moviegoers usually see.

White's voice boomed through theater as she directed the crowd of locals milling about the rows of red seats in the theater.

White said that costumes were a major consideration in selecting extras. Most hopefuls did, indeed, deck themselves out in era-appropriate attire.

Val Nelson, assistant makeup artist, explained that people often associate trends such as bell bottoms with the entire decade when, in

fact, that trend characterized the late '60's and early '70's. By 1977, she said, hipsters favored stovepipe pants, overalls and high-waisted shorts.

Fortunately, the scenes filmed this week in Waukegan depicted the premieres of "2001: A Space Odyssey" in 1968 and "Star Wars" in 1977, meaning that the less-informed still had a shot if they donned trends that were several years shy of the target time period.

White also said that extras had to be available for up to 12 hours, and plenty of attendees had taken off from work with their bosses' blessing.

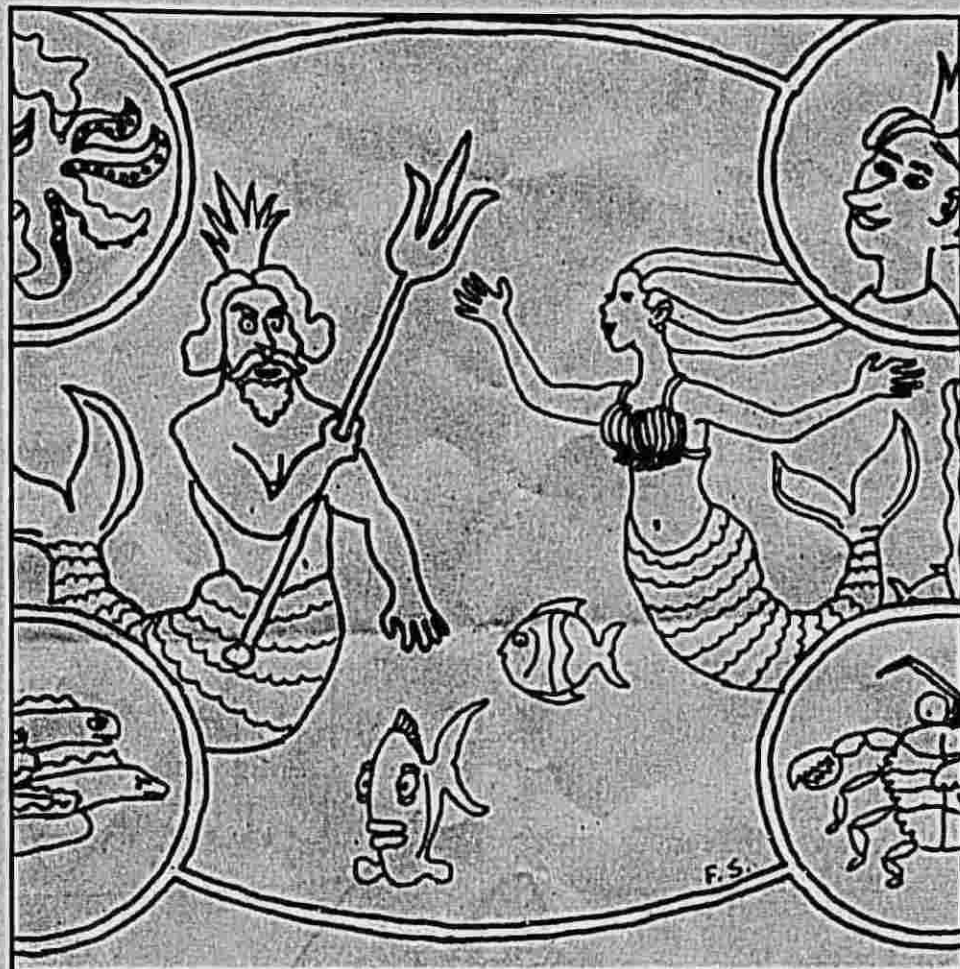
Scott Piner, 22, of Waukegan, works in the cultural arts division of

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Going back to 1977, Pat Adams waits for her moment in the feathered hair by stylist Tony Adams.





## CMJ Productions presents 'The Little Mermaid'

CMJ Productions presents "The Little Mermaid" by William Glennon on Saturday, May 13 at 3 and 6 p.m. at Wixom Theatre at the Waukegan High School Freshman Center, 11020

Glen Rock Road in Waukegan. Tickets are \$6 adults, \$4 seniors and students and \$3 for children under 3. For tickets, call (847) 360-1336.

## Jacqueline Williams to star Lynn Nottage's *Fabulation or, the Re-Education of Undine*

The celebrated Next Theatre Company, Chicago's destination for socially provocative, artistically adventurous work, has announced a full cast and design team for the Chicago-area premiere of Lynn Nottage's *Fabulation or, the Re-Education of Undine*.

Performances begin on April 6 and runs through May 7. Regular performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. Tickets range from \$20 to \$35, with discounts for seniors and students. For ticket information, call The Next Theatre Box Office (847) 475-1875, Ext. 2.

In her newest play, Lynn Nottage targets the urban African-American elite in this stinging riches-to-rags satire. Undine Barnes Calles — nee Sharona Watkins of the Walt Whitman Projects — is a fantastically successful PR exec who wakes up one morning to find she's lost it all. With no money, business or social position, Undine must return to

her family in the projects...unfortunately, she told the press they all died in a fire 15 years ago. Rediscovering her roots, Undine is shocked to learn that her cancelled platinum American Express card doesn't get her very far in the depths of urban America.

Lynn Nottage is the author of "A Stone's Throw/The Antigone Project, Crumbs from the Table of Joy, Las Meninas, Becoming American, Poof! and Snapshot. Ms. Nottage received the 2004 New York Drama Critic Circle Award and Outer Critics Circle Award for Best Play for *Intimate Apparel*. Ms. Nottage

received the 2005 Obie Award for Outstanding New Play for *Fabulation or, the Re-Education of Undine*. Most recently she is the recipient of the Pen/Laura Pels Award and a 2005 Guggenheim Fellowship.

Now in its 25th year, the Next Theatre Company continues to thrill audiences with its risky brand of socially provocative, artistically adventurous work. A winner of over 30 Joseph Jefferson Awards — including an unprecedented string of Best Ensemble Awards for four years running — the Next strives to become a destination for artists and audiences who share the belief that theater can promote awareness and provoke change with more power than any other medium of expression.

The Next Theatre is located inside the Noyes Cultural Arts Center at Noyes and Ridge in Evanston. Free parking is available in the lot adjacent to the theater and the Evanston Civic Center.



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Recognized for his elegant and impassioned playing, Dave Holland has been instrumental in broadening the melodic possibilities of the bass, while never losing touch with the core aspects of the jazz idiom. A classically trained instrumentalist, he found his way into the London jazz scene in the 1960s, where he and fellow musicians

fell under the influence of the jazz innovators of the day, including Charles Mingus and Gary Peacock. Miles Davis heard Mr. Holland perform and asked him to join his band, and for the next two years.

In this program, which was specially designed for the Jazz at Symphony Center series, Mr. Holland performs first with Indian classical percussionist Trilok Gurtu and then with the Dave Holland Octet. Trilok Gurtu is a master of Indian music, tabla, percussion, and Western drumming who plays a unique hybrid East-West drum setup. He is a visionary composer whose sense of musical adventure has led him to creative fusions of Indian music with jazz, rock, classical and ethnic music from all over the world. Well known in the jazz community through his collaborations with Don Cherry, John McLaughlin, Joe Zawinul and Pat Metheny. Mr. Gurtu first became known to U.S. audiences as a member of the world/jazz fusion band Oregon. Mr. Holland and Mr. Gurtu first performed together at the North Sea Jazz Festival in 2005.

Also making its North

America debut at this concert is the Dave Holland Octet, comprised of Chris Potter, Anonio hart and Gary Smulyan on saxophone; Alex "Sasha" Sipiagin, trumpet; Robin Eubanks, trombone; Steve Nelson, vibes; and Nate Smith, drums. This newly created ensemble features old friends — longtime members of both Mr. Holland's wildly popular quintet and big band, each known for the chemistry, accessibility and sense of immediacy they bring to each performance.

Concertgoers are invited to a special pre-concert Jazz Connection event, a screening of the documentary Miles Electric: A Different Kind of Blue, featuring Miles Davis live at the famous 1970 Isle of Wight festival at 6 p.m. in the Grainger ballroom. Musicians joining Davis for this electric jam included Dave Holland, Chick Corea, Keith Jarrett and Jack DeJohnette. Separate Jazz Connection tickets are required for the film screening. Tickets are free for Jazz at Symphony Center subscribers and \$10 for all other patrons. Call (312) 294-3000 for more information.

## Maxim Vengerov to play at CSO performances

Symphony Center announced recently that Maxim Vengerov will replace Shostakovich's Violin Concerto No. 1 with Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4 for his performances with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra scheduled for Friday, June 9 at 1:30 p.m. and Saturday, June 10 at 8 p.m. Daniel Barenboim conducts Mr. Vengerov and the CSO in the Mozart in a program completed with Stravinsky's The Rite of Spring.

Mozart's five violin concertos were written over a very short time span during Mozart's Salzburg period. The first violin concerto was written in 1773 and the other four in 1775, all before the composer turned 20. Russian violinist Maxim Vengerov last performed with the CSO at Orchestra Hall in October 2003 in a program including Lalo's Symphonie espagnole for Violin and Orchestra, also conducted by Mr. Barenboim, his friend and mentor.

Tickets are \$24 - \$134 and can be purchased by calling PhoneCharge at (312) 294-3000



or (800) 223-7114, or by visiting the Symphony Center Box Office at 220 S. Michigan Ave., in Chicago. Box Office and PhoneCharge hours are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. For group rates, please call (312) 294-3040.



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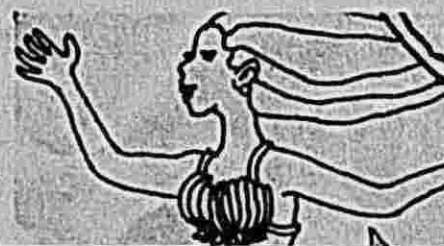


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### Planning an Italian Tapas Party

### Tapas Party

#### Tips

- Tapas are typically served with drinks. Consider cocktails or champagne spritzers made with a lemon-infused liqueur like Caravella Limoncello, or add a splash to iced tea or lemonade.

(Go to [www.caravellaus.com](http://www.caravellaus.com) for recipes and other serving suggestions.)

- Put a bottle of limoncello and some small glasses in the freezer, and then pour ice-cold sips to clear palates between plates.
- Mix limoncello with exotic flavors like vanilla and ginger to create distinctive cocktails.

#### Citrus "Tea"-ni

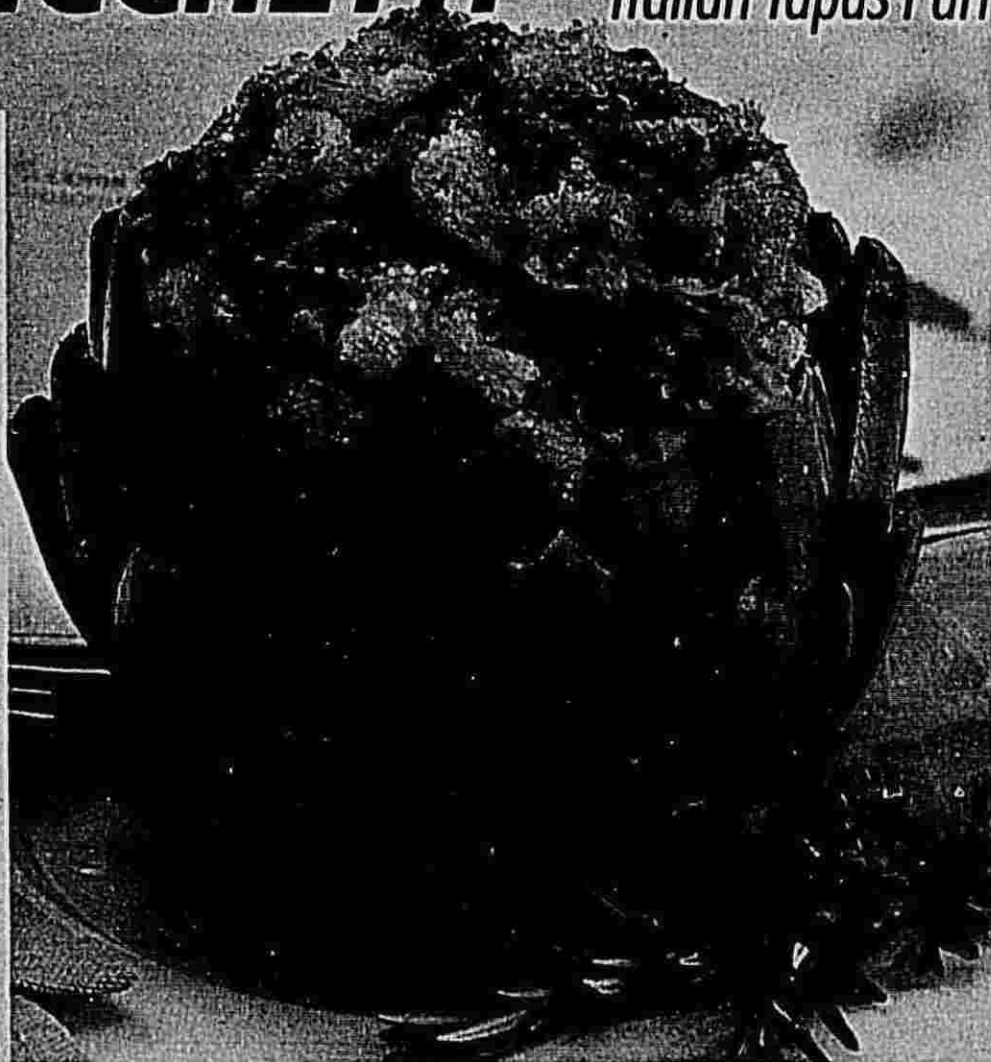
2 bags Madagascar vanilla rooibos tea  
2 cups boiling water  
1 teaspoon candied ginger pieces  
2 ounces Caravella Limoncello  
4 ounces orange-flavored rum  
Crushed ice

1. Steep tea bags in boiling water. While hot, pour tea into container and add ginger. Let infuse at least 1 hour.

2. For each serving, mix 1/2 cup tea mixture with 1/2 ounce limoncello, 1 ounce orange-flavored rum and crushed ice. Strain into martini glasses.

Makes 4 servings

This recipe was developed for Caravella Limoncello by Deborah Fabricant.



Tapas are the trend in restaurants across the country, but you don't need a reservation to get in on the fun. Small plates are just as easily served at home, where sharing them with friends is all it takes to make a tapas party.

While Spain is famous for tapas, Italians also have a long history of serving bar snacks called cicchetti. These tasty morsels are typically served with drinks and make a perfect conversation starter for both casual get-togethers and sit-down dinners.

Tap into Italy's friendly and popular cuisine for a variety of dishes, from simple olives to savory stuffed artichokes to a refreshing citrus and tea cocktail. Think light, think zesty, think lemon, says Los Angeles-based entertaining expert and cook-book author Deborah Fabricant.

"When putting together a dinner party, everything should be fresh and vibrant," Fabricant says. "Lemons are a key part of entertaining and can lighten just about any dish."

Real lemon flavor doesn't mean lots of messy squeezing, though. Use a lemon-infused liqueur like Caravella Limoncello, which is made with lemons from southern Italy, to brighten recipes or cocktails. Or serve ice-cold glasses of limoncello simply as a digestif.

Then relax, nibble, sip and capture the tapas spirit, Italian-style.

#### Artichokes Italiano Limoncello

4 medium artichokes  
1 lemon  
3 cups fresh breadcrumbs (or thick Italian bread, crusts removed and torn into small pieces)  
1/4 cup plus 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil, divided  
1/2 onion or 2 shallots, minced  
1/2 cup diced fresh mushrooms  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
1 tomato, diced  
Zest of 1/2 lemon  
2 tablespoons minced fresh parsley  
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning  
1/2 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese, divided  
Sea salt  
Freshly ground pepper  
6 tablespoons Caravella Limoncello, divided  
1/2 cup water  
4 tablespoons butter, divided

1. Trim artichokes by cutting off upper 1/3 and removing tough outer leaves. With spoon, remove center leaves and fuzzy chokes, leaving center cavity.

2. Squeeze fresh lemon juice into cavity and on cut surfaces to prevent discoloration.

3. Toss breadcrumbs with 1/4 cup olive oil and spread onto sheet pan. Bake at 400°F 10 to

12 minutes or until slightly golden brown.

4. Remove and let cool.

5. In medium skillet, heat remaining 2 tablespoons olive oil and sauté onion and mushrooms about 3 minutes. Add garlic and sauté another minute. Add tomato, lemon zest, parsley and Italian seasoning, and sauté another minute. Remove from heat and stir in cooked breadcrumbs, 2 1/2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, sea salt, pepper and 3 tablespoons limoncello.

6. Drain artichokes and fill centers and in between leaves with stuffing. Melt 2 tablespoons butter. Place artichokes into shallow baking dish and drizzle with melted butter. Top with remaining Parmesan cheese.

7. Pour water into baking dish, cover with foil and bake at 375°F 45 minutes, or until knife easily pierces center of artichoke.

8. In small saucepan, melt remaining 2 tablespoons butter and cook until lightly browned. Add remaining 3 tablespoons limoncello and stir. Remove from heat and drizzle over cooked artichokes. Serve immediately.

Serves 4

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# REEL MOVIES

## Movie Review Key

- 5 = Don't miss this movie!
- 4 = Wow! I'm impressed
- 3 = Worth seeing but could've been better
- 2 = Wait until this movie comes out on video
- 1 = Someone should be fired for making this movie



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# The real Sopranos

Giacomo "Jackie Dee" DiNorscio (Vin Diesel) is a mid-level New Jersey gangster, who under the worst of circumstances never has to question his values. He's dedicated to his family; those related by blood and business. In this case the business is that of the Lucchese crime family. Jackie Dee will not rat out anyone, regardless of how stiff the penalty.

That notion is first tested in the film when Jackie's strung out cousin Tony (Raul Esparza) puts Jackie in the hospital after almost killing him with a 22-caliber pistol. Jackie refuses to press charges.

Soon after, Jackie is caught in a drug sting and is sentenced to 30 years. Prosecutor Sean Kierney (Linus Roache) uses the leverage of reduced time in prison at one of the better incarceration facilities to get Jackie to testify against 19 other members of the Lucchese crime family. Jackie refuses to cooperate.

The stage is set for the 20 defense-

## Find Me Guilty

Directed by Sidney Lumet. True story, courtroom crime drama. Rated R for strong language and some violence. Freestyle releasing (U.S.). Running time: 125 minutes



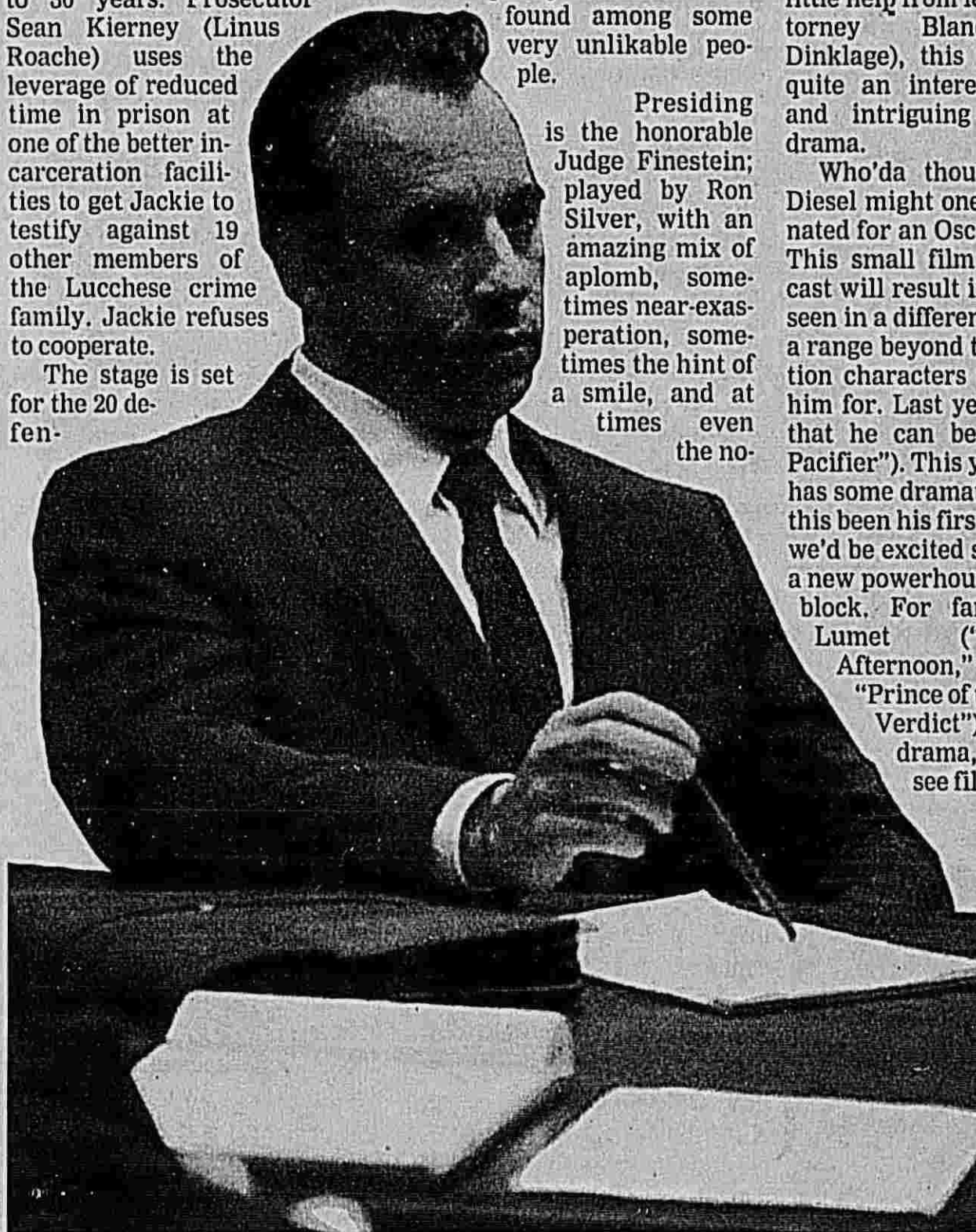
dants each with individual counsel facing various criminal charges, to appear. In a packed court room with a cast of characters from cold-blooded mob boss Nick Calabrese (Alex Rocco) to a frail racketeer so sick that he's wheeled into court in a hospital bed, there is plenty of humor to be found among some very unlikable people.

Presiding is the honorable Judge Finestein; played by Ron Silver, with an amazing mix of aplomb, sometimes near-exasperation, sometimes the hint of a smile, and at times even the no-

tion of empathy for Jackie Dee. Inspired by the real life trial from 1987-88, it remains the longest trial in U.S. history, and lasted 21 months.

These mob guys are guilty as charged but the burden remains for the government to prove that beyond a reasonable doubt. That is easier said than done. Kierney has a solid strategy in addition to having a sympathetic judge on his side. Things are going well until Jackie Dee decides that his legal experience gained by being in jail more than half of his life makes him qualified to defend himself. With considerable wit and a way of putting things into perspective, plus a little help from lead defense attorney Blandis (Peter Dinklage), this film becomes quite an interesting, unique and intriguing court room drama.

Who'da thought that Vin Diesel might one day be nominated for an Oscar? Until now! This small film with a great cast will result in Diesel being seen in a different light. He has a range beyond the wooden action characters that we know him for. Last year we learned that he can be funny ("The Pacifier"). This year we find he has some dramatic punch. Had this been his first performance, we'd be excited saying there is a new powerhouse actor on the block. For fans of Sidney Lumet ("Dog Day Afternoon," "Network," "Prince of the City," "The Verdict"), or courtroom drama, this is a must-see film.



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## Film inspired by authors experiences

### • MOVIE

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Waukegan's Park District. Piner earned a degree in theater from Northern Illinois University. Justin Mentell, who stars in "5-25-77," also attended the school. Piner said that he was prepared for the monotony in store that often surprises newbies when they must do "a lot of waiting around."

Pat Pantelis, 19, found out about the event from the founder of his Palatine-based film company, CNGM Pictures. His colleague is a friend of Johnson's. Pantelis, of Palatine, is pursuing an acting degree at NIU and attended to gain exposure to a professional production.

Hopefuls also varied in their allegiance to "Star Wars."

Jerry Biddle, 34, of Grayslake, attended after he heard of the event from the Midwest Garrison, 501st Legion, a club dedicated to "Star Wars" costuming. On the other hand, Christian Yehling, 33, of Rockford, knew nothing about the film, but came out because he had enjoyed previous experience working as an extra.

Patricia Adams, 56, said her dreams of acting had died years ago. When she heard about Johnson's need for extras, however, she decided that it was "the perfect opportunity."

White said that while working as an extra rarely launches an acting career, she has seen "a few" and said that she sometimes passes the names of cooperative non-paid extras to casting directors for "major blockbusters."

And for those who don't dream of entering the entertainment industry, the experience will provide a closer look.

Ashina Hamilton, of Gurnee, cited the chance for an inside look as her motivation.



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Maralyn Brown of Waukegan and Joyce King of Gurnee, dressed in 1970s garb, share a laugh as extras on the set of the movie 5-25-77 at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan. The movie, which began filming in 2004, is about the opening of the first Star Wars movie.

The 20-year-old said that she was not a fan of "Star Wars," but simply wanted to "experience something new."

5-25-77 tells the story of a teenaged Johnson ("Dragon Heart," "Angus," and "Baby's Day Out") as he travels to Los Angeles to meet Herb

Lightman, who edited "American Cinematographer" magazine. The biographically based flick relates Johnson's experiences visiting the set of "Star Wars" and his anticipation of the film's release after he returns to Illinois.

As he waits for "Star Wars"

to hit theaters, Johnson (played by John Daley, formerly of "Freaks and Geeks," currently appearing on "Kitchen Confidential") struggles with the reality that following his filmmaking dreams will mean leaving his home and everything he loves.



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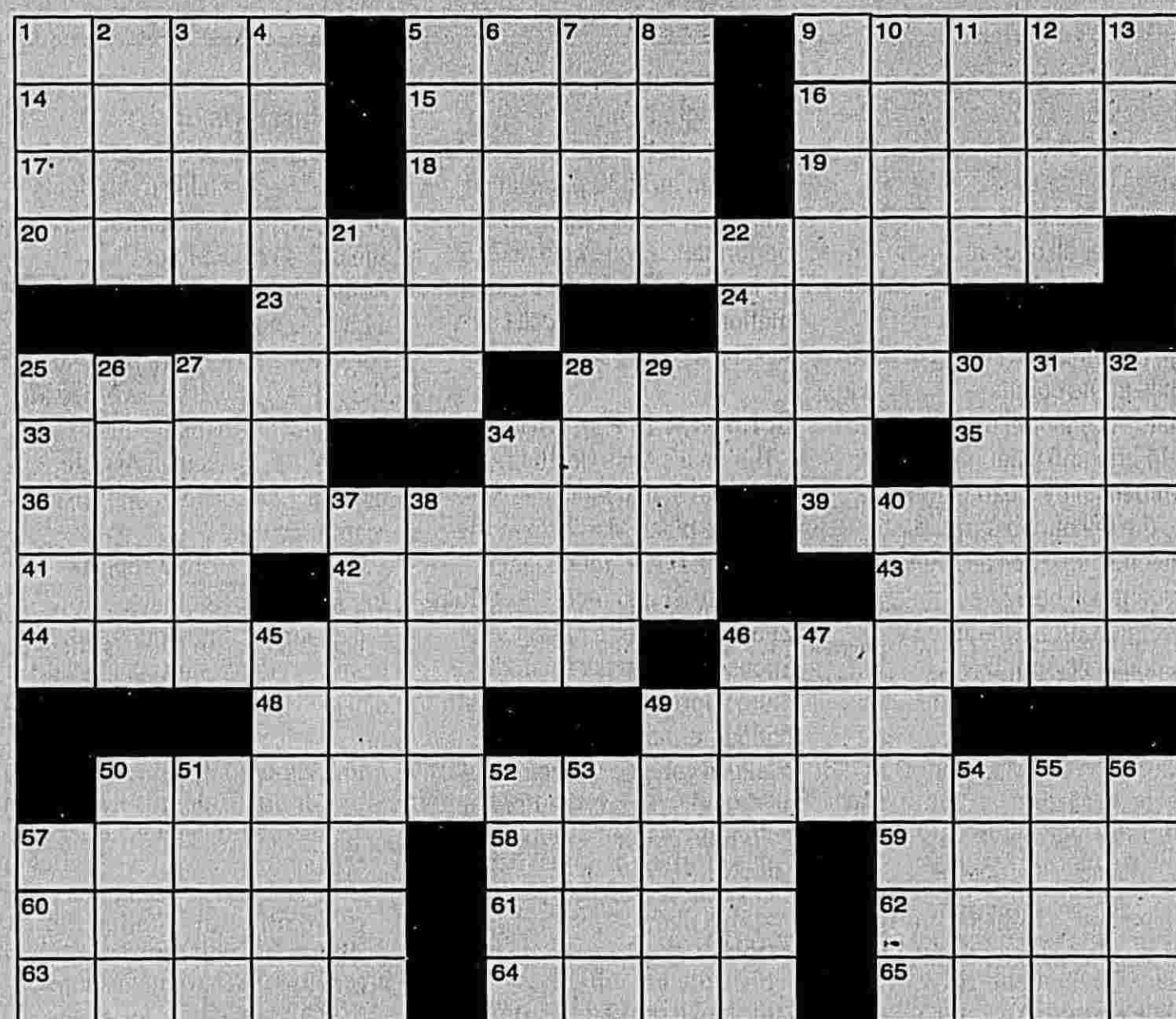
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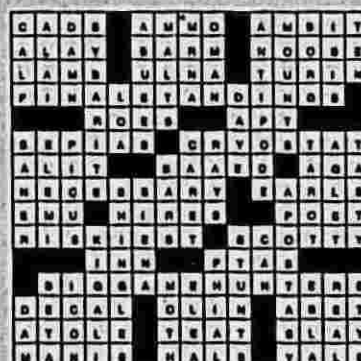
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5. Powder and shot
9. Boundary or limit
14. Chinese mountain range
15. Yeast
16. Rope
17. Young sheep
18. Forearm bone
19. City in Piedmont
20. End of the season
23. Fish eggs
24. Likely
25. Reddish browns
28. Apparatus for maintaining a constant low temperature
33. Settled down
34. Bleated
35. Honorable title (Turkish)
36. Absolutely essential
39. Peers
41. Australian flightless bird
42. Leases
43. Author
44. Most parlous
46. Beam Me Up, \_!
48. Hostelry
49. Pesetas (abbr.)
50. Safari goes
57. Pattern transfer
58. Oil company
59. Assist in some wrongdoing
60. Dish

61. The small projection of a mammary gland
62. Murder
63. Anteater genus
64. Holbrook and Roach
65. University in Connecticut
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## CLUES DOWN

1. Muscular rear part of the shank
2. Jai \_\_, sport
3. Expletive
4. Person who enjoys sensuality
5. Kicks around
6. Makes ale
7. Messenger ribonucleic acid, (abbr.)
8. Asian nation
9. The exact opposite
10. Climbs up
11. Bjorn \_\_, tennis player
12. Egyptian goddess
13. Large integer
21. Mauna \_\_, Hawaiian volcano
22. 24 hours (old English)
25. More coherent
26. Fragrant resin

27. Type of woodpecker genus
28. Insert mark
29. Beams
30. Deck for divination
31. Shoelace end
32. Mouth-watering
34. Banishes
37. Roof coverings
38. Italian city
40. Abandoning a party or cause
45. Capital of Rwanda
46. In a way, hinders
47. Container
49. A bottle that contains a drug
50. Second letter (Greek alphabet)
51. Image
52. Lepidopteran
53. Ancient Greek City
54. City 3000 B.C.
55. Tangible
56. Eye infection
57. Obstruct



# Horoscope

## ARIES

March 21/April 20

Important people will listen to what you say this week, Aries, so speak carefully. A visit from an old friend reminds you of a past adventure. It's okay to reminisce.

## TAURUS

April 21/May 21

Life moves in cycles, Taurus, and for you, the good times are just beginning. It's important that you put the past — and those long-standing grudges — behind you to succeed.

## GEMINI

May 22/June 21

You've got the blues this week, Gemini, so it's unlikely you'll be the life of the party. That's okay — even you could use some quiet time once in a while. Take this time to rejuvenate your spirit.

## CANCER

June 22/July 22

Even hardworking Cancers like you need to take a break. Take a day off and go enjoy yourself outdoors. The romance you've been searching for may find you.

## LEO

July 23/August 23

You've pushed yourself a great deal and have achieved a lot. Go ahead and brag — you've earned the right, but don't let it go to your head.

VIRGO — Aug 24/Sept 22

A flagging romance has you feeling down in the dumps, but your natural resiliency will have you up and about again in no time — just in time to meet someone new.

## LIBRA

Sept 23/Oct 23

Recent weeks have been good to you, and there's no reason why your luck shouldn't continue. However, life hasn't been so kind to others. Take time to share your good fortune.

## SCORPIO

Oct 24/Nov 22

Now that your finances are in order, put money concerns out of your mind for the moment and go

have a little fun. The key word here is "little" — moderation is key. A loved one is planning a romantic getaway.

## SAGITTARIUS

Nov 23/Dec 21

Your high energy days are fewer this week, Sagittarius, so you should carefully consider how you exert yourself. Friends look to you for advice. Do your best.

## CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

It's easier to keep promises to yourself if you make them this week, Capricorn. An impromptu trip leads to financial opportunity.

## AQUARIUS

Jan 21/Feb 18

This week, you'll find yourself questioning a lot of what you've always believed in, Aquarius. This is a good thing, as it forces you to take a good look at your lifestyle.

## CAPRICORN

Dec 22/Jan 20

There's only so much you can do on your own, Pisces. There's real value in teamwork this week if you're of a mind to give it a college try.

# FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

## MARCH 21

Matthew Broderick, Actor

## MARCH 22

George Benson, Musician

## MARCH 23

Chaka Khan, Singer

## MARCH 24

Star Jones, TV Personality

## MARCH 25

Gloria Steinem, Activist

## MARCH 26

Leonard Nimoy, Actor/Author

## MARCH 27

Quentin Tarantino, Filmmaker





### Kids jump into spring

Parents of Lake County can now energize their kids during spring break with the Spring Fling Afterschool Club program. Grayslake and Hawthorn drop-off sites are now accepting open enrollment for all students K-8 grades. Afterschool Club is open weekdays from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Children will enjoy theme activities like ASC Kid Olympics, bowling field trips, learning the rain-forest and more. Parents can contact Afterschool Club Program Office at (847) 548-2445 to register.

### Clearbrook Jelly Belly Days

The time will never be sweeter to volunteer for just two hours. Signup now for Clearbrook's 17th annual Jelly Belly Days on Friday, May 19 and Saturday, May 20 to collect money and hand out jelly beans at various intersections and storefronts throughout Chicagoland and twenty north and northwest suburbs. Your gift of time will sweeten the lives of children and adults with developmental disabilities supported by Clearbrook. Individuals of all ages, schools, organizations and businesses who would like to volunteer and/or donate should contact Janis Edelheit at (847) 385-5008 or [jedelheit@clearbrook.org](mailto:jedelheit@clearbrook.org).

### Reunion announcement

The Third Marine Division Association will hold its annual family reunion on Aug. 9 through 13 in Milwaukee, Wis., at Headquarters Hotel, Hyatt Regency, Milwaukee.

Anyone who served in, was attached to, or served in support of the Third Marine Division at any time since it was formed on Sept. 16, 1942 is eligible and cordially invited to attend.

For membership and reunion information, contact Sgt. Major Bill Krueger, USMC Ret. at (703) 451-3844 or at [www.caltrap.com](http://www.caltrap.com).

### Spring Bunny Trail

Hunt for candy, play games, win prizes and meet the Spring Bunny at the Northbrook Park District's

Spring Bunny Trail on Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m. at the Village Green, 1810 Walters Ave. Children, ages 3 to 7, are invited to enjoy the fun starting at 10 a.m. The egg hunt begins promptly at noon, weather permitting. participation is free to Northbrook residents. For more information call (847) 291-2980.

### School's Out Fun deadline

March 31 is the registration deadline for School's Out Fun on April 14, Good Friday. Learn all about nature with the Northbrook Park District when they visit the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum in Chicago. This fantastic hands-on museum is sure to delight children grades K-5. The group will depart from the Leisure Center at 9 a.m. and return by 3 p.m. Bring a sack lunch that doesn't have to be refrigerated and a beverage. Fees are \$40 for residents and \$45 for nonresidents. For more information call (847) 291-2980.

### Easter Bunny lunch

Join the Easter Bunny on Saturday, April 8 from 11 a.m. to noon at Viking Park Dance Hall in Gurnee, as he takes a break from the bunny trail. Enjoy a lunch of hot dogs, chips, beverage and dessert. Everyone will have the opportunity to visit the Easter Bunny and receive a picture to take home. All children under the age of 12 are free. High chairs are not available.

Following lunch, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt outdoors, please dress accordingly.

Preregister by March 31 to avoid cancellation of this event. Fees are \$6 residents and \$8 nonresidents. Fee is per person and all children must be accompanied by a paying adult.

For more information or to register, call (847) 623-7788.

### Biscuits, Bones & Buddies

You are invited to join Gurnee Park District on Saturday, April 22 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Viking Park for the 6th Annual Dog Egg Hunt. Your pet can find doggie treats galore and receive great prizes.

There will be a dog agility track, a dog costume contest and a new dog talent show. Snacks and beverages will be provided for everyone after the hunt is over. Please remember all dogs must remain on a leash at all times. Please only register for this event if your dog is well-behaved and at ease while in the company of other animals. All children under the age of 14 bringing a pet must be accompanied by a parent. \$5 covers the fee of two participants and one dog. Each additional participant will be \$2 per person. Preregistration is required by Wednesday, April 12. Please call (847) 623-7788 for further information.

### Aglow retreat

On March 24 and 25 women from all backgrounds will meet for a spring retreat at the Holiday Inn, Rt. 31 in Crystal Lake. Bunny Konkol, from South Holland, will be the keynote speaker. This year's theme is "Dream Again," ministering hope and a future in all situations. Aglow is a network of caring women that ministers to the hurting, abused, lonely and brokenhearted and is a safe place to share and receive ministry. For further information, call Sue at (815) 943-7456 or Janice at (847) 265-5060.

### Lunch on the Prairie

Students from Barrington Middle School Prairie Campus will entertain area seniors at "Lunch on the Prairie," Friday, April 7 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at Prairie's campus, 40 E. Dundee Road in Barrington. Prairie's student council, as well as its music and home economics departments have sponsored the event since 1998. Seating is limited. For reservations, call BOCOA no later than Friday, March 31.

### Frank's Way

Join BACOA and The Garlands of Barrington for an afternoon of new interpretations of old standards. "Frank's Way", Wyn Mainzer and Sal Barbarito, will perform jazz classics on Sunday, March 26, at The Garlands of

Barrington. 1000 Garlands Lane in Barrington. Lunch will be included with the show. A cash bar will begin at 12:30 p.m.; lunch will be served at 1 p.m., and the performance will begin at 2:15. Tickets are \$28. For more information or to register, call Linda Avellon at (847) 381-5030.

### Scholarship Pageant

This year's Miss North Chicago and Male Scholarship Pageant will take place March 25 at the Sleep Inn Hotel. Young ladies ages 6 to 21 and males ages 16 to 21 are welcome to participate. Sponsorship fee is required. For more information call (224) 627-8588 or e-mail [nija2ni@yahoo.com](mailto:nija2ni@yahoo.com). You may also send a photo with your name and contact information to: Miss North Chicago Pageant, P.O. Box 146, North Chicago, IL 60064.

### Luncheon and Fashion Show

The Assisi Animal Foundation's Annual Spring Benefit Champagne Luncheon and Fashion Show will be held on April 22 at the Crystal Lake Country Club in Crystal Lake. Beginning at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon and informal modeling. Also featured will be a raffle and table prizes. Cost is \$25 per ticket and ticket deadline is April 18. No tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call 455-9411.

### Nitelite egg hunt

On Thursday, April 13 from 7:45 to 9:30 p.m. at Viking Park in Gurnee, children ages 7 to 12 will have an "egg-citing" evening of hunting for plastic eggs. Each egg will be filled with points. There will also be four golden eggs. Participants will collect a designated number of eggs, total their points and redeem them for prizes. Please bring a flashlight. Pizza and beverages will be provided after the hunt. Bingo will be held in the Viking Dance Hall when the hunt is over. Cost is \$6 for residents and \$8 for non-residents. Call (847) 623-7788 for further information.

### Scholarships offered

Applications for college scholarships are available to students of Italian American heritage from the offices of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans. \$1,500 scholarships are sponsored by the Women's Division of the JCCIA and will be awarded at a scholarship fashion show luncheon to be held in April to girls only. Deadline to apply is March 25.

Male students may apply for the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans scholarship to be awarded in June at a special dinner. Deadline is May 25. Applicants must be graduating from high school this coming May or June, have a 3.75 average or higher and who are of Italian ancestry.

For applications, please send a stamped, self addressed envelope, requesting what scholarship you are applying for, to the offices of the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans, 3800 Division St., Stone Park, IL 60165.

### Free trees

Ten free white flowering dogwood trees will be given to each person who joins The National Arbor Day Foundation during March, 2006.

The free trees are part of the nonprofit Foundation's Trees for American campaign.

The trees will be shipped post-paid at the right time for planting between March 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. The six to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

Members also receive a subscription to Arbor day, the Foundation's monthly publication, and The Tree Book with information about tree planting and care.

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## —● Our View

# 8th District Congress: McSweeney

The 8th Congressional District Republican primary features six very good candidates.

All have enjoyed success in their lives and have qualifications that could make them good leaders.

Of the six, one candidate clearly has stood above the rest. David McSweeney, 40, of Barrington, repeatedly has demonstrated that he is the most knowledgeable candidate in the field on the issues.

Beyond being well-versed on the issues, McSweeney has proposed thoughtful solutions to real problems. McSweeney, like his five peers in this race, is a staunch conservative who would represent the Republican Party well in the campaign for the 8th District seat.

We recommend that voters choose McSweeney in the March 21 Republican primary to challenge U.S. Rep. Melissa Bean, D-Ill., in the November general election.

McSweeney has extensive experience in finance, having earned his master's of business administration degree from the Duke Fuqua School of business in 1988. McSweeney gave up a career as a successful investment banker to campaign full time.

McSweeney is a fiscal conservative, and too many Republicans in Congress are outpacing so-called tax-and-spend liberals in spending. The budget deficit is projected to reach \$423 billion this year, an all-time high.

McSweeney said he would vote to make the Bush tax cuts permanent to ensure a strong economy, which he says will generate tax revenue and reduce the deficit.

McSweeney would support sweeping, across-the-board cuts in federal spending and the elimination of programs to get

**the budget under control.**

McSweeney also is conservative on social issues.

He opposes abortion and does not support federal tax funding for embryonic stem-cell research. McSweeney does not support increasing the federal minimum wage. He supports drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, as well as vouchers for children to attend private or parochial schools.

McSweeney supports President Bush on the war in Iraq. McSweeney believes that the war was justified and is against setting a timetable to withdraw U.S. troops.

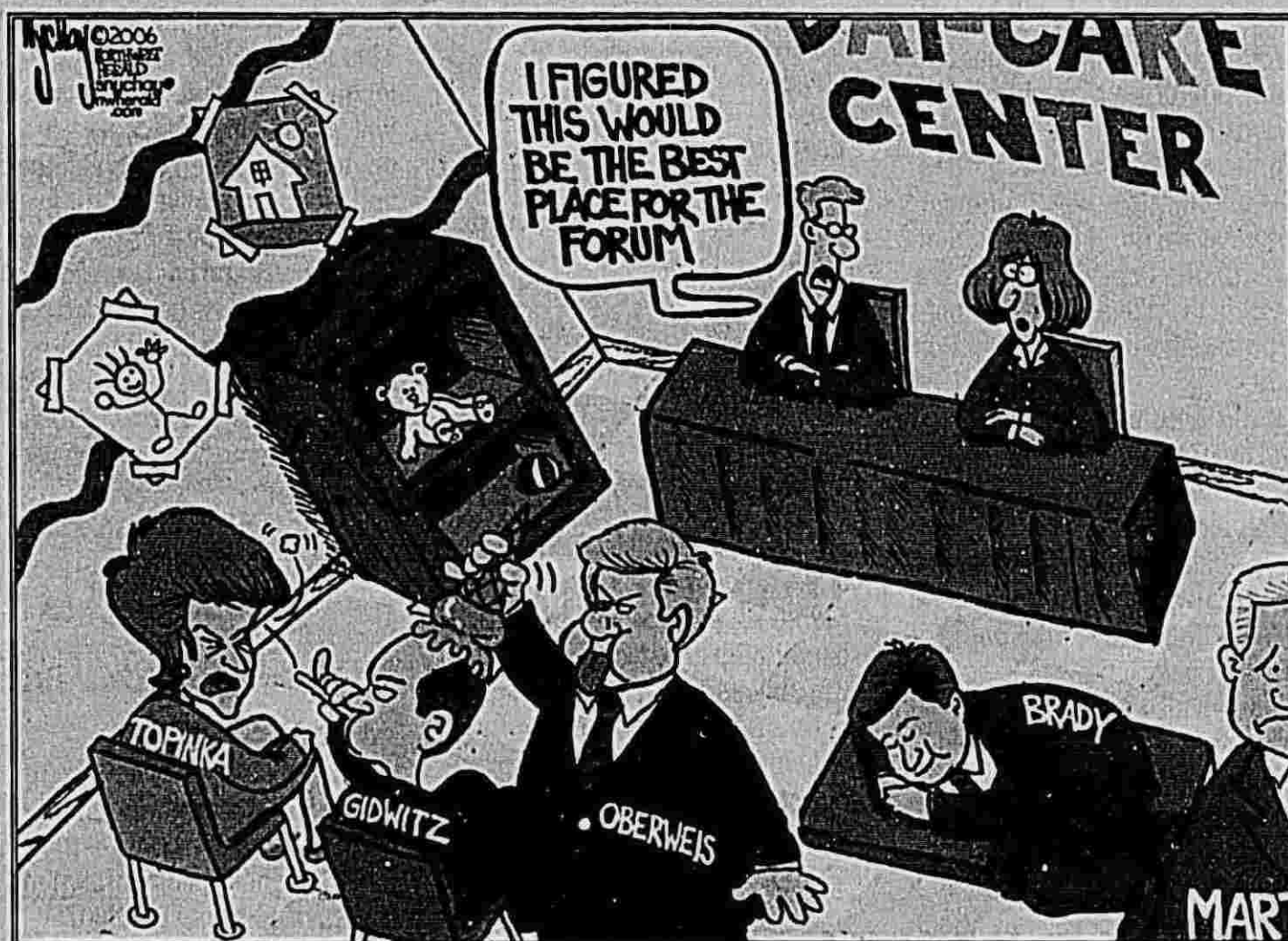
The primary race has been one of the most expensive in the country. As of March 1, McSweeney had raised \$1.9 million for his campaign; at least \$1 million was his own money. Mundelein attorney Kathy Salvi, a front-runner in the race, had raised more than \$1 million as of March 1; \$735,000 was her own money.

Salvi is staunchly anti-abortion and would favor federal measures to end abortion. Salvi also supports the decision to go to war in Iraq. Salvi has deep roots in the community and has run a good campaign.

State Rep. Robert Churchill, R-Lake Villa, also is in the race. The 58-year-old attorney has served almost all of Lake County at one time or another in the Legislature. Wauconda attorney Aaron Lincoln, Gurnee management consultant Ken Arnold, and Lindenhurst water-treatment plant operator James Mitchell Jr. round out the field.

However, McSweeney clearly separated himself from the pack. He is bright and knowledgeable, and he would represent Republicans well in the fall election for the 8th District seat in Congress.

### Sketch View



Governor: Topinka

Judy Baar Topinka has worked her way through the ranks of Illinois politics, becoming the Republicans' only statewide star.

Topinka says her agenda includes five issues: solvency of the state pension fund, overhaul of Medicaid, education funding, government ethics

and transportation.

On education, Topinka is interested in a "tax swap" between state and local governments. Topinka would remove a laundry list of business fees to encourage industry to return to Illinois to create jobs. Her positions as a social moderate, on issues such as abor-

tion and embryonic stem-cell research, are in line with Illinois voters.

She is running against state Sen. Bill Brady; Ron Gidwitz, former state school board chairman; dairy owner Jim Oberweis, who has lost two primary runs for U.S. Senate; and lawyer Andy Martin.

State Treasurer: Giannoulis

The best candidate for treasurer in the Democratic primary hands-down is community banker Alexi Giannoulias.

Giannoullas, 29, manages \$800 million in assets, doubling Broadway Bank's business in the past four years. The state treasurer oversees \$12 billion in investments.

We recommend that voters choose Giannoulas in the March 21 Democratic primary for treasurer.

His opponent, Paul Mangieri, 46, is the Knox County state's attorney. He has no background in finance, fiscal policy or asset investment. But he has the blessings of

most Democrats from Gov. Rod Blagojevich down. But U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., backs Giannoulias.

There's no comparison between Giannoulias and Mangieri. Giannoulias is a credible candidate for treasurer. Mangieri should keep his daytime job as a prosecutor.

## House 52nd: Beaubien

**In the Republican primary for 52nd District state representative, our choice is incumbent Mark Beaubien.**

The 63-year-old Barrington Hills resident has served the district well since first elected in 1996. Beaubien has a long record as a social moderate

and fiscal conservative who will work to protect businesses from taxes and fees. He supports abortion rights. His legislative priorities include full funding of Illinois' pension system and transportation improvements for Lake and McHenry counties.

Denny Driscoll, 61, a commodities trader from Wauconda, is challenging Beaubien. Driscoll opposes abortion.

Beaubien is a straight-talker who will work to bring the state's budget issues under control.

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## —● Letters to the Editor

### To the parents and residents of Fox Lake District 114:

On March 21 we are being asked to vote for our school district's Working Cash Fund referendum. The committee to push this forward and our administrators have done an excellent job at getting the information to the community. We are more informed than ever on the impact this working cash fund will have on our children and the time to take action is now.

If this does not pass, our kids will lose key pieces of their education: art, music, sports, all other extracurricular activities, library, and computers. These are all things that our students need to help them stay in the game of life. Along with the "3 R's," our students also need these programs to help them have a balanced learning environment and become exceptional, well-rounded individuals. By taking these away, the plan is to also shorten the school day by about one hour.

I have seen this district come up through the years, and run on a shoe-string budget and still make progress. I am asking the parents of District 114 to wake up. We can no longer work on this kind of budget. It's time to take a stand for our future. If you look around and see what other schools are doing, as I did, you will see that our school district is making excellent use of what little money we have and academically doing better than the surrounding schools who have more money. This is because we have teachers and administrators who take a personal interest and are willing to go that extra mile for our kids. It is time that we help them to do their job for our kids.

I am tired of our school district being put down. I know we have great teachers, administrators, kids, and parents. Our community has so much promise in our future generations, and we should not back down from our part to encourage them and give them everything we can. If we don't pull together as a community to help our children be all they can be, we will have only ourselves to blame.

Encourage all voters to get to the voting polls and vote yes for

our kids future. We have no choice but to keep our schools and community moving forward.

**Sue Murphey**  
Former school board member  
from 2000 to 2004

### Educated voters

As a Young Republican, educator and a business owner, I understand just how important the 8th Congressional race is. It is imperative for the future of our generation and our children's generation that the Republicans win this seat back. Our medical professionals, school districts and community at large depend on it.

To accomplish this, we must make an educated vote on March 21. Although all of the candidates are strong Republicans with appealing characteristics that benefit our party, only one candidate has the experience that is needed to win the seat back, and that is Robert W. Churchill.

Churchill has served more than 40 percent of the 8th Congressional district and has done so for more than 20 years. State Rep. Churchill does not need to make promises on what he will do because we already know what he has done and will continue to do. We also know that Rep. Churchill is dedicated and committed to our community needs and wants and that he will represent us with the highest expectations in Washington, D.C., just as he has done for us in Springfield.

To me the decision is an easy one. The only way we will win this seat back is to vote for experience, vote for someone that we have known for many years, and vote for someone who has a track record for supporting our communities' needs. We need to make not only the most educated vote but also the most logical decision to vote for Robert W. Churchill for Congress.

**Chelsea Schopper**  
Ingleside

### Experienced politician

As a Navy veteran, Paul Mangieri has the discipline to work with politicians in Springfield to protect Illinois' financial security. In 1996, Mangieri was elected Knox

County state's attorney – the first time ever for a Democrat in that county. He became so popular, he was re-elected in unopposed elections in both 2000 and 2004. Mangieri is not afraid of a challenge, and as Illinois' treasurer, he will use his experience as a prosecutor to stand up for consumers and working families.

Mangieri understands the issues facing Illinois and has been fighting them for years. He has battled corporations leaving Illinois to re-pay the funds they owe to local schools, and he has fought all the way to the Illinois Supreme Court on behalf of rural farmers.

Join me in voting Mangieri for treasurer on March 21.

**Steven Rosenzweig**  
Buffalo Grove

### No tax increase

Hopefully by now you have received various informational mailings from Fremont District 79 regarding increasing enrollment and its need to build a third school. I am writing to ask for your support of Fremont Schools when you go to the polls on March 21.

I have been watching the administration and board of Fremont 79 closely for many years and they have earned my support. No one can deny that they are now faced with growth that exceeds capacity of the two current school buildings. Passage of this bond referendum will ensure permanent classroom space for students, provide a quality learning environment and help to protect the investment in our homes.

If you have any questions about this issue, visit [www.fremont.lake.k12.il.us](http://www.fremont.lake.k12.il.us) or call Superintendent Taylor.

Remember: Voting yes will not increase your tax rate.

**Bob Bohl**  
Mundelein

### Right one for the job

I am writing this letter as a sequel to a letter I wrote in August. In that letter I advised the people of Lake County to take an active part in Lake County politics and to pay particular attention to the candidates running for the office of Lake County sheriff.

I have attended every candidate

forum and I have listened to both democratic sheriff candidates; Lawrence Oliver and Mark Curran. After hearing both of them speak on the various issues and their credentials for the job of sheriff, in my opinion there is only one candidate who is right for the job: Lawrence Oliver.

Mark Curran may be a nice man, but after hearing his ideas about getting into the schools and having a program to reach first offenders, I feel he would make a wonderful social worker. His heart is in the right place. However, under simple debate and questioning pressure, he did not do well.

Lawrence Oliver is a very composed and intelligent police veteran. He maintains total cool under every circumstance, as was evidenced at every forum I attended. At another forum, Mr. Oliver handled an unruly spectator calmly, quietly and without incident, while Mr. Curran sat on his hands, not knowing how to handle the situation.

Mr. Oliver has the experience on the job from the inside. He has seen the department deteriorate into the lawsuit plagued mess it has become. Mr. Oliver is the only Democratic candidate who has the ability to take on Gary Del Re and beat him.

**Dianne Horowitz**  
Libertyville

### Quality schools enhance property value

I am voting for the Fremont District 79 and Mundelein High School District 120 referendums on March 21 and encourage you to do the same.

As a realtor in the area, I see how property values are directly related to the quality of local schools. Quality schools provide a proper learning environment for students in addition to an excellent teaching staff and challenging curriculum and programs.

Fremont schools are out of permanent classroom space for students and thus the learning environment needs to be addressed. We live in a growing area and by law the schools must seek voter approval to sell bonds to finance a new school building.

Mundelein High School is faced with the same growth concerns and is asking voters for more

money in the education fund in order to reduce class sizes and reinstate educational programs essential for a quality education for all students.

The time to vote yes is now, because in both referendums, due to early payoff of long-term debt, residents' tax rates will not increase as a result of voting yes.

Join me in voting yes and protect what is most likely your largest investment—your home.

**Dawn Streich**  
Ivanhoe

### Support quality programs for kids

Gov. Rod Blagojevich's proposed budget to care for abused and neglected children and youth refuses to keep pace with inflation for a sixth year in a row, and is putting quality programs on a starvation diet.

Illinois not-for-profit child welfare agencies and our foster parents have helped reduce the number of abused and neglected children in state care from 53,000 to 17,000, but that progress is at risk because the state is backsliding on its commitment to maintaining quality care for abused and neglected children.

Where can foster parents purchase gas at \$1.42 a gallon to drive a foster child to school, the doctor, or court? That's the 2001 price at which the state currently reimburses them.

Fortunately, Illinois House lawmakers overwhelmingly support a cost-of-doing-business increase for child welfare and youth service agencies and foster parents. A bipartisan group of 80 lawmakers from around the state is sponsoring House Bill 4543—legislation that authorizes a 3 percent budget increase for the care of abused and neglected children this year.

Illinois residents must be equally as steadfast in their support for abused and neglected children and communicate to the governor's office that they oppose financially starving care for these kids and that they, too, support House Bill 4543.

**Jimmie H. Smith, ACSW, LSW**  
Executive Director, Kids Hope United  
Lake Villa



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**District 79 Bond Referendum**

Vote yes to Fremont District 79 bond referendum to build a third school. Current enrollment is 1,898 with 11 mobile classrooms. This fall they will add an additional six mobile units. With continued growth in the area, enrollment is expected to continue to increase to over 35 percent by 2010.

If voted yes, the current tax rate will remain the same and there will be no tax increase due to long-term debt being paid off in 2007. Please invest in less overcrowding, reasonable class sizes, and a stable learning environment for our future leaders.

**Alfred and Pamela Scaletta**  
Hawthorn Woods

**A personal opinion**

As for the change to the Journal name to reflect the unity of the papers, that's great. However, I hate the tabloid style format. It

looks like, well, a tabloid. i.e. cheap and not respectable. I was raised on the Chicago Tribune and much prefer the regular newspaper layout. It looks like a newspaper. I have the same problem with the Sun Times.

**Janine Jenkins**  
Waukegan

**Fremont District 79 referendum**

We are writing to urge all Fremont District 79 voters to say yes to the referendum on March 21.

A yes vote will continue to provide a quality education for all students in an environment conducive to learning - not an environment made up of trailers and overcrowded classrooms.

Our staff and students are working hard and continue to strive for excellence. We need to take an active role in providing them with the tools that get the job done.

Our community is growing and our future is tied to the schools. The better the educational environment and opportunities created for our children and grand children,

the more desirable our community becomes and the more our property values are enhanced.

Please vote yes for the children and our community.

**Ed and Diane Pieklo**  
Mundelein

**Politics—a noble profession**

Thank you for covering the county board race in District 78. Both candidates are sons of former mayors, and it was nice to see that young people still consider politics a noble profession. It was also nice to see both candidates so positive and not negative. After reading the article, I will vote for Bill Durkin. It seems he will bring some fresh ideas and better representation to the district. He certainly has a good record of working with all the people of Waukegan. I have watched Durkin work hard on the park district, and I know he'll bring that same work ethic to the county board.

Congratulations again to both candidates for keeping the race positive.

**Richard Roth**  
Waukegan

**Experience makes a difference**

When looking at the race for circuit judge to fill the additional judgeship "B" position, experience clearly makes the difference.

Judge Wallace B. Dunn is the most experienced candidate for the office. Having served as an associate judge for almost 20 years, Judge Dunn has heard almost every type of legal case that exists. He has a reputation as a fair and even-handed judge.

Judge Dunn was a lawyer in private practice for 20 years. He was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court, and was a member of the trial bar for the U.S. District Federal Court for both the Northern and Southern District Courts of Illinois. He has extensive trial experience as a lawyer in Illinois state courts as well.

Judicial wisdom comes from experience. After the voters review the qualifications of the candidates, I hope that they will choose Judge Dunn for the position of circuit judge, position "B."

**Lois M. Haines**  
Northbrook

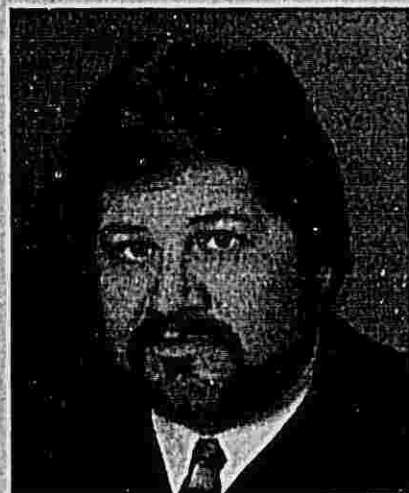
**Children's education vs. balancing budget**

Some of the decisions made by a school board are clear-cut and easy; some are agonizing. When your duties to educate children and balance the budget come into conflict, which should prevail?

Fox Lake grade school test scores have been rising steadily in recent years through the concerted efforts of a board, an administration, a staff and a community that wouldn't settle for less than that. Deficit spending has been avoided by tightening every expenditure that didn't help kids learn.

There is no more room to cut. The community was asked last year to increase funding by 55 cents to match neighboring districts. Voters said no. They are now being asked to increase by 25 cents for a short-term fix. If this effort fails, the only way to balance the budget is by shortening the school day. There is little doubt that learning (and test scores) will be impacted.

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The system for funding education in Illinois is broken, and no solution to that is on the horizon. We cannot, as a community, allow our frustration with that fact to short-change a generation of children. While we work with our state representatives to resolve the larger problem, we need to continue to give Fox Lake kids the best we can.

Michael Lescher  
Fox Lake

**National Social Work month**

March is National Social Work Month and the perfect opportunity to highlight the essential role that social workers play in working with all vulnerable populations, especially with older people. Social workers have the specialized knowledge and expertise to address issues facing older Americans, including providing individual and family counseling, psychosocial assessment and coordinating care.

This year's Social Work Month theme - Life's Journey: Help Starts Here - focuses on how social workers help all people at every stage of life, while promoting dignity for everyone, especially the most vulnerable among us.

Information about seniors and aging and the role of social work in all areas of practice can be found at

www.HelpStartsHere.org.

NASW Illinois Chapter  
Giesela Grumbach, LCSW  
Joel L. Rubin, MSW  
Sandra Rubovits  
Northeastern Illinois District Chair

**What's so special about this primary for voters?**

Why is it I feel like somehow several of these candidates for the 8th Congressional District have merely been put up as a Republican challenge to Ms. Bean?

Did they seek this race on their own, or did someone draft them? How did they influence the prior unorganized party to action?

What business or social groups they solicit on their behalf?

Could be a matter of someone using a network for their own ambitions, or perhaps vice versa?

A couple of these candidates seem genuinely out to help the folks of this region without the trappings of political commitment.

How does an independent, fresh perspective like Aaron Lincoln compete from a grass-roots level?

He's got the qualifications and federal experience as a federal attorney, but may lack the well monied backing of his opponents.

How interesting that he has to earn his way with wit and wisdom, perseverance and ambition, and is sincerely vying for this opportunity as a full-time career.

Lincoln is asking you to analyze the issues, evaluate the candidates, and honestly choose someone you might, feel comfortable enough to talk to. A couple of attributes, like listening and sincerity, not pestering you with

junk mail promises, just might be a fresh perspective.

Time to start thinkin' Lincoln

Dr. Joe Lincoln  
Wauconda

**Deserves a promotion**

I believe a lot of Democratic primary voters in Lake County will take Republican ballots this year because of the Republican contest.

There is a contest where one candidate is both the superior and deserving choice. This is where Associate Judge Wallace Dunn is running for the full Circuit Court after having been approved unanimously five times by Lake County judges in the last 19 years for the position of associate judge.

He also is endorsed by a dozen retired Lake County judges, by many diverse organizations, from political to Italian and Jewish. The state bar association, which does not endorse, recommended him as qualified. Before becoming a judge he spent two decades as a successful practicing attorney.

This kind of background and his education studying liberal arts, law and psychology provides him with an unusual understanding of what is really going on in the courtroom.

I suggest that Judge Dunn has earned a promotion with your vote March 21

Dan Friedlander  
Waukegan

**Committed public servant**

For the past five years I have worked with one of the most committed public servants for the 52nd State Representative District you will ever witness, Mark Beaubien. We may not see eye to eye on every issue, but as a statesman he is willing to listen, offer suggestions, give you the global view of whether a piece of legislation has a chance of moving to the governor's desk, and if none of that helps you, in the end we will agree to disagree.

When it comes to constituent

issues I have witnessed people waiting to get into to ask him to help cut the red tape. He helps people work within the system, and when something has gone awry he steps in to clear the way. He is a compassionate public servant with an open door policy.

Statesmen are few and far between but when you work with one on issues you understand what's in your presence. You couldn't find a finer man to represent the people of the 52nd District.

Mary Fioretti  
Algonquin

**See the whole picture**

As a special education teacher in Lake County, I was offended and appalled by the comments written by Esther Cepeda, as posted in the March 10 Lakeland Journal.

I would ask Ms. Cepeda her rationale for targeting specific, isolated incidents as representative for all educators? How can the decisions of a few people reflect the moral fiber of educators as a whole? Furthermore, if all teachers were as morally corrupt as Ms. Cepeda indicates, it is some wonder that any of us are literate.

Please consider, Ms. Cepeda, that as you type these harsh words that are printed for all to see, some of us quietly maintain our positions in the trenches; teaching underprivileged children from homes where poverty is rampant, drugs are continually a threat, and single parents are often doing their very best to keep the wheels from proverbially falling off. Many times homework takes a backseat to the maintenance of simply existing.

The school district in which I serve (and I do consider it an honor to do so) has the highest number of master's degree holding educators in all of Lake County. Our district is also one of

the most challenged. Despite the fact that many of us take on debt to further our knowledge and become better practitioners, we are criticized as "flushing our own credibility down the toilet."

Shame on you for those comments. Shame on Jim Oberweis for suggesting that our schools should be a system equitable to that of a profitable business. And shame on any teacher who cannot inspire students that live in a society where the attainment of faster dial-up speeds, bigger cars, higher definition TVs, and instant messaging are the measure of one's character and value.

Megan Spaur  
Special Education Teacher

**Mr. Crist resignation**

I am writing in reference to the recent letters regarding the resignation of Mr. Crist at Lakes Community High School. I cannot believe that the people, including staff and P.T.O. members in this community, who don't even go to regular board meetings can be so distrustful, disrespectful, and such poor role models for our children.

Did any of you ever think that Mr. Sabatino and the District 117 Board of Education has no choice in not speaking about the sudden resignation of the principal? Why would someone with at least two years left on his contract just resign?

Wake up people, if there was not some legitimate reason, then he would have fought for his job. Obviously Mr. Fisher, who states that the superintendent and board are living a fairy tale, and that they are puppets, doesn't look at the legality issues the board faces. If they were to speak, then you same people and the taxpayers would probably be paying big bucks in a lawsuit.

When my wife ran for the board, she did so, after losing her oldest child and wanted to do better for the children in this district, not as in Mr. Fisher's ignorant statement,

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**Please vote Tuesday March 21st**

**With all the future development coming to our area who better to have in our Districts corner than seasoned veterans. Please join me in gladly trusting our future of the area to the following people on March 21st.**

Elect James Oberweis for Governor  
Re-Elect State Senator Adeline Geo-Karis  
Representative Robert Churchill for Congress 8th District  
Re-Elect Congressman Mark Kirt 10th District  
Elect Wallace Dunn for Judge  
Elect John Phillips for Judge  
Elect Ted Potkonjak for Judge  
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to be some puppet on a string. I applaud her for taking a stand and for giving to this district. Do any of you look at all of the good that the superintendent and the District 117 school board has done?

The Board of Education are not paid for giving their time. They volunteer their time to give to the people in this community, and to do what's in the best interest of our children.

You should all be ashamed of yourselves for not supporting them in such a tough time, not only for you, but for them also.

I applaud you Mr. Sabatino and the District 117 Board of Education for all of the positive things you have done.

John K. Van Dien II  
Lindenhurst

### Keeping the community safe

Valerie Boettke Ceckowski is a hard-working judicial leader who has the experience, energy and commitment to be elected to

Circuit Judge in Lake County. Having been appointed associate judge in 1997, she has made many milestones in victim's rights, especially in her advocacy of juveniles.

She was the supervising Juvenile Court judge for the last three years and is currently assigned to Felony Bond Court. Being parents ourselves and coming from large families, we respect her unsurpassed family values and determination to keep our community safe.

In our exposure to the judicial system (I, as a police officer for 27 years, and my wife, working in both criminal and civil law for 26 years), we have known Valerie to be professional, fair and compassionate. This was evident to the overwhelming majority of the members present at the Lake County Sheriffs Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 66 February meeting, as well, when they voted to endorse her. Her many accolades prove her to be a true servant of her community.

Gust Gustafson  
Susie (Beskow) Gustafson  
Gurnee

## Bus routes will affect public transit

## • BUS ROUTES

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make sure that we get the \$1.19 million we need to make sure that we get the federal matching funds in the budget so that we can get this route going," Link said.

Ryg pointed out that, if fund-

ing is approved, the new bus routes would represent a "piece of the bigger puzzle" in improving public transit in Lake County.

She added that it would be important for residents, local leaders and legislators to continue to show unified support of the plan during the final three weeks of the current legislative

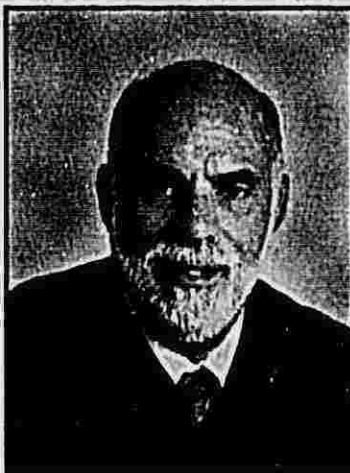
session.

"When everyone gets behind this collectively and keeps spreading the word, we can have a very strong impact," Ryg said. "Because one of the things that matters in Springfield is, how many people do we make happy? We have the momentum behind us, but it is important that we keep the action going."

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# Area teams close out on successful 2006 tournament

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Another basketball season has come and gone and we've finally reached the time where fans can reflect on 2005-06 hoops action. There were ups and downs for almost every team.

It doesn't take but a single look into the IHSA tournament results this season to see that if you're going to talk about Lake County basketball, you're going to talk about Warren.

Both the girls and boys teams won their respective sectional championships, but just could not get it done in the super sectionals. The stories were almost the same with both teams making furious late-game rallies, but neither run was quite enough.

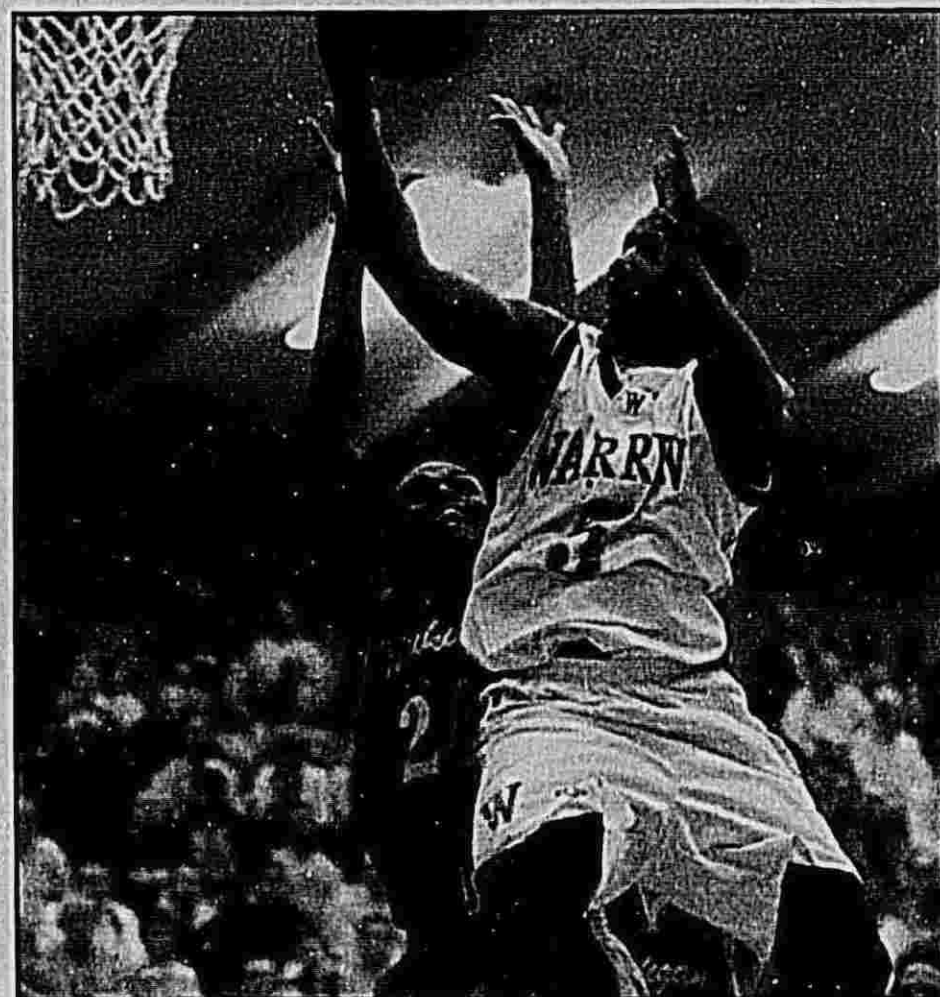
"It could have gone either way, we did some good things in spurts today," Blue Devil boys coach Chuck Ramsey said. "We had a real nice spurt in the fourth quarter, but not quite good enough."

While neither team will be hanging state championship banners from WTHS's rafters, putting up a 28-5 record for the girls and a 27-3 mark for the boys is nothing to sneeze at.

Warren wasn't the only one that put together a successful basketball season. Grant put together a truly impressive season despite dealing with numerous injuries and setbacks. From losing 6-foot-4-inch center Becka Gonyo to illness to losing Kaela Munster less than two minutes into the season, Grant coach Tom Oeffling dealt with everything, but still managed a NSC-Prairie Division championship and a 20-win season.

"Considering everything that we've been through, we've kept a positive approach all the way," Oeffling said in an interview earlier this season. "This team has been great."

Libertyville Wildcat girls coach Amy Holtsford had a similar appraisal for her team. While the Wildcats didn't have to deal with as many problems



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Marvin Bemby (5) of Warren goes for a layup against Waukegan's Dana Sibert (20) during a sectional IHSA basketball game.

as Grant did, they were able to put up the wins, finishing at 21-8 when it was all said and done.

"I'm so very proud of them," Holtsford said after Libertyville's sectional loss to Warren. "I think it's going to hurt a little less tomorrow when they realize what they did out here tonight was really special."

On the boys side, Waukegan truly defied the expectations with an amazing sectional run. Most people had counted the team out after losing an extremely talented class last season. However, the Bulldogs, thanks to names like Ben Vega, Marcus Pettis, Robert Pluta and Ricky Miller, were able to compete with the likes of Warren down the stretch.

Bulldog coach Brian Colbert was extremely proud of his team's effort throughout the season, going so far as to say that this class, as much as last year's, deserved to be remembered by Waukegan fans.

"Some of these guys walking out of here have won three straight regionals, two super

sectional appearances and another sectional appearance, so they have nothing to be ashamed of," Colbert said. "These kids brought life back to Waukegan basketball. Before this class, Waukegan was winning only one or two games a season and people said Waukegan basketball is dead and they brought us up to where we are today."

Defying expectations was a prerequisite for the Wauconda Bulldogs this season. With 17 total wins, coach Rich Wolf put together one of the most successful campaigns in school history thanks to a talented senior class that included Tim Schwarz, Kris Gerhke, Jay Grooms and Eddie Stewart.

Grayslake Central truly had a year to remember with a sectional run that was punctuated by a huge four-game losing streak coming into the tournament. While the Rams were hurting coming into the big dance, they were the ones who put on a show, taking the Crystal Lake Central Regional.

## Potent Quotables

The do or die atmosphere of the playoffs can stir up a lot of emotions and that can be difficult to put into words for some. Here are some of the best words that ever came out of the mouths from the 2006 IHSA tournament.

"Our whole season, we had everybody talking about how weak we were, but we've had a really good season. At one of the first coaches conferences to start the season, I had another coach come up to me and say, Well, it looks like it's you and me in the cellar."

**Matt Behm**

Mundelein girls coach  
-in response to 15-win season

"We let them think they could stick with us, but then in the second half we just turned it on."

**Ricky Miller**

Waukegan center  
-after Bulldog regional win over Round Lake

"We've scouted them so many times and they've scouted us that I told him [Mundelein coach Brian Evans] to stop calling our plays for us."

**John Ryan**

Carmel girls coach

"In my 22 years as a coach, this is one of the closest groups of kids I've ever been around."

**John Stanczykiewicz**

Warren girls coach  
-after season-ending loss to Buffalo Grove

"We heard that they (didn't) give us any respect because of the sectional seeding. When we came out there, we played with them and that was a lot of fun."

**Matt Behm**

Grant guard  
-after regional loss to Libertyville

"We knew this was going to be an emotional game no matter what and we wanted it to be an emotional game. What better play-in game is there when there's two teams that are about a mile away from each other?"

**Dick Knar**

Mundelein boys coach  
-after play-in win against Carmel



## ● On The Sidelines

## And then there were none

When Warren's Mitchell Moore hit his shot with 1:40 left to go in the Super Sectional to take the lead, it seemed that for one glorious moment, one of my teams was going to get down to state.



**Daniel J. Patrick**

For me, it wasn't the Warren factor, I would have taken any of the teams that I have the pleasure of covering, but it was the hope that somehow, some way, the winter sports season would have continued.

In my opinion, the energy that basketball brings is simply unmatched and I hate to see it all end. From the Grant girls turning in a 20-plus win season after so many troubles to the entertaining bowling scene, this winter has truly been a joy [despite the topsy-turvy weather].

Therefore, I will go through the best performances I saw this season for each school. My only wish is the winter could have gone longer.

**Antioch:** The Sequoit cheer team was amazing this season, taking second place in the state tournament for one for one of the best IHSA tournament performances of any kind for the school.

**Carmel:** Corsair gymnasts put up one of the best teams in the area, just like it has been for years thanks to Nikole Viltz and the rest of the talented roster.

**Grant:** Can we say multi-time state champion? Jimmy Kennedy led a team full of excellent wrestlers to an impressive finish in wrestling while the Grant girls basketball team overcame a myriad of injuries to post a 20-plus win season.

**Grayslake Central:** What a Guy! I'm sure Ram senior Travis Guy is ridiculously sick of that joke, but he and fellow Grayslake star Elias Washington led their team to an impressive 20-8 season.

**Lakes:** Taking that first step is always the hardest, but Sean Hertz, Chuck Kempf and the rest of the boys basketball team made the new kid on the block one of the bullies in the NSC-Prairie.

**Libertyville:** Wildcat girls basketball went 21-8 thanks to the bespectacled talent of Carol Kruckman and seniors Brenna Bohl, Molly Kent and Kelli

Goodwin. The boys swim team also had the largest contingent of state qualifiers in Lakeland's coverage area with Ben Leboza qualifying in multiple events.

**Mundelein:** Mustang swimmers also had a good season with Aaron Slattery leading the way by qualifying for the state swim meet in three events. Coach

**Round Lake:** Wrestling, wrestling, wrestling for the Panthers these days with the Pousson brothers tearing it up while the boys basketball team rides a late season surge to a much improved season over 2004-2005.

**Warren:** The Blue Devils had successful seasons in essentially every sport, but of course, if you're going to mention Warren winters these days, only one name comes to mind: Sarah Boothe. And it's not only because I like being able to look eye-to-eye with my sources. The 6-foot-4 center is a machine and unfortunately for everyone else, she's a sophomore.

**Wauconda:** The Bulldogs had one of the best boys basketball seasons in years with 18 wins thanks to the efforts of Tim Schwarz and Kris Gehrke. Wauconda also had something to cheer about with their cheer squad taking fourth in the state.

**Waukegan:** Everybody thought Waukegan's days atop the area boys basketball season were over. Everybody except the Bulldogs. Waukegan took it all the way to the sectionals and played a tough match-up against Warren despite losing major talent to graduation last season.

## ● Athletes of the Week



**NIKOLE VILTZ**

It's been a while since gymnastics season ended, but Carmel's Nikole Viltz ended it with a bang, scoring an average 9.650 in vault, 9.250 in uneven parallel bars and 8.850 in the floor exercise. Her performance helped the Corsairs to a fourth place overall finish in the state.



**SARAH BOOTHE**

If you're already tired of hearing Warren center Sarah Boothe's name, there's only one sentence that comes to mind: Get used to it. Boothe had anything but a sophomore slump this season, improving her statistics in every category and leading her team to its second straight sectional championship.



**KARA MING**

Sibling greatness can be both a blessing and a curse on the playing field. Grayslake Central senior Kara Ming turned it into such a blessing as she tore up girls basketball courts. While she didn't get as far as her sister Kayla once did in the tournament, she will still hold a spot in Ram history.

## Chalk that one up



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Libertyville High School Boys Gymnastic team chalks up as they prepare for competition at Libertyville High School.

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